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## Happy 100th, Edna



More than 200 family members and friends turned out Sunday at the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post to help Edna York celebrate her 100th birthday. Here the Birthday Girl (center) gets some help with blowing out the candle on her birthday cake, from (from left) grandson Eric McGuiggan, great-grandsons Ryan McGuiggan and Kolia Aven, great-granddaughter Kristina Aven and two unidentified young well-wishers.  
(Photo: Carol Savage)

## Top local stories of 2009 — Economy struggling, but some signs of hope beginning to emerge

As 2009 draws to a close, the local economy "is on an upswing," said Linda Walbridge, director of the Western Maine Economic Development Council. "but we're still going to be down for a while."

Walbridge described the past year as "truly tough — the worst since the Great Depression."

"A lot of small businesses are hanging on by the skin of their teeth, but they're hanging on," she said.

And while small businesses might be the most at risk in such economic times, they're certainly not the only ones feeling the pinch.

In May Sunday River Ski Resort announced the layoffs (some permanent, some temporary) of 32 employees,

roughly 10 percent of its full-time, year-round workforce. At the same time senior managers had their salaries trimmed, and many staff had their hours cut back.

Julie Ard, communications director for Sunday River's parent company, Boyne Resorts, described the cuts here as "part of company-wide efforts resulting from review of our cost structures. In light of decreased revenues and the need to realistically project the next 12-18 months' sales as flat, at best, we must make adjustments."

Less than three months later in Andover, nearly 60 people faced an even more drastic adjustment, when it was an-

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## Mass. National Guard continues its press for lower overflights here

For nearly two decades the Massachusetts Air National Guard has been attempting to lower the level at which its jet fighters can train in this part of the world.

2009 was no exception, and at year's end it appeared the ANG might be one step closer to achieving its goal, despite vehement opposition at the community and state level.

At issue is the training floor in the 4,000-square-mile Condor Military Operating Areas (MOAs), which overlay much of western Maine, as well as a small portion of New Hampshire's Coos County.

The southern boundary of

the MOA runs east-west just north of West Paris village, placing Bethel in Condor's southwest corner.

Also under Condor are several recreational and conservation areas, including the entire Rangeley Lakes area, Grafton Notch State Park, the Connecticut Lakes Natural Area, Mt. Blue State Park, Carrabassett Valley, the Bigelow Preserve, the Alder Lake Preserve.

Currently, military aircraft training in Condor can fly no lower than 7,000 feet above mean sea level.

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## Top local stories of 2009

### Bethel eyes swapping thin blue line for brown

2009 saw Bethel lose another police chief and revisit the idea of dismantling its Police Department in favor of contracting with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department. 2010 will bring the question to a vote.

In 2003 the town considered such a move, but the proposal was soundly defeated by voters at Town Meeting, 119-507.

But despite that clear expression of voters' will — at the time at least — this year several factors coalesced,

prompting town officials to reconsider the option.

The first was the resignation in September of BPD Chief Alan Carr.

Carr, who assumed the position in 2004 after the firing of Chief Darren Tripp, was the

subject of controversy in the latter part of his tenure.

After clashes in 2008 with former Town Manager Scott Cole, Carr resigned in September 2009 under the watch

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### Les Otten tosses his hat in race for governor

Les Otten, who built Sunday River Ski Resort one of the biggest ski resorts in the East, made his move to the political arena in 2009 with an announcement he would run for governor.

Otten formally threw his

hat in the ring in October, announcing he would run as a Republican.

He joined a field of a half-dozen candidates.

Otten arrived at Sunday River in 1972, as its manager. He went on in 1996 to establish

the American Skiing Co. and, in 2002, to become a part-owner of the Boston Red Sox.

In his most recent venture, Otten co-founded Bethel-based Maine Energy Systems, which promotes the sale and distribution of wood pellets

and pellet-fired boilers.

He also chaired Gov. John Baldacci's Wood to Energy Task Force.

Otten made his first formal appearance in Bethel as a can-

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## A.P. — 911 tie, economy, renewable energy among decade's top state stories

### ASSOCIATED PRESS

The World Trade Center terrorist attacks in which the ringleader visited Portland, and the Great Recession that rocked both Wall Street and Main Street serve as infamous bookends to a difficult first de-

cade of the 21st century. They also stand out as the decade's top stories in Maine.

Seven Mainers died at the World Trade Center's twin towers and at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, in the deadliest attacks on U.S. soil. The next

day, Mainers awoke to the startling revelation that Mohamed Atta and another terrorist had started that fateful day at the Portland International Jetport.

The decade ended with more bad news as a financial cri-

sis caused a Wall Street meltdown and sent unemployment soaring in the biggest recession since World War II.

Other top stories selected by The Associated Press told of social change through gay rights legislation, the closing

of Brunswick Naval Air Station, and the birth of a renewable energy industry.

Former Gov. Angus King experienced the peak of the Internet bubble in early 2000 and the tragedy of the terrorist attacks a year later.

Highs and lows punctuated the decade, with the economy soaring and then tumbling, energy prices spiking and then falling. "I have a hard time characterizing this decade," the two-term independent governor said. "It's probably one of the few times you've found me speechless."

Compounding the recession in the state's midcoast was the decision to close the

A

lengthy gay rights battle culminated with the Legislature's passing of an anti-discrimination law, which was upheld at the ballot box a year later. But state voters rejected gay marriage in 2009, setting aside a law passed by the Legislature recognizing same-sex marriage.

Virtually every person with

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# Letters

## SIGNS IN GENERAL

### To the Editor:

My wife and I were passing Telstar recently, and both of us commented on what an improvement the new sign was. It has a clean, modern look and really promotes the school as a fine facility. In reading the photo caption in last week's paper I felt as though I'd stepped into a fable. Is it red? Is it amber? Are there 17 mattresses over the pea or only 16? Hopefully the owners will "do the right thing" and put on another mattress.

Over the years I've often questioned whether or not Bethel is business or even future-oriented (and I know from conversations with many other small businessmen and women I'm hardly alone). Most any community will experience some tension between those who wish to live in the past and those who want the area to grow and prosper. Our local sign ordinance is so restrictive that I've seen businesses that never got any business because their signs were so ridiculously sized and placed as to make them for all effects and purposes invisible.

I don't suppose my opinion will change anything. I'm just expressing what many feel. If the majority wish to assure that Bethel of tomorrow always looks like Bethel of yesterday that is their right and I sympathize, but if they wish to also have a community with a healthy economy, creating jobs for the young Bethelites of tomorrow, then they must consider businesses' needs as well.

Chandler McGrew  
Bethel

## USEFUL H1N1 TIPS

### To the Editor:

The spread of the H1N1 flu has been decreasing lately. Many may be asking whether getting the vaccine is still important. What many don't know is that flu season typically lasts through May, and past pandemics have occurred in waves. So, it's possible that we will see another increase in H1N1 and/or seasonal flu in the months ahead. Vaccination can also slow down the circulation of H1N1, which can in turn reduce its chances of changing to a more severe form. Below are some useful tips:

Three simple steps to a healthy new year:

1. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu. To find the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine clinics nearest you, visit [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov) or call 211 for Maine-based clinics, or visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) for clinics elsewhere.

2. Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze, wash your hands often, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way. Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick. For additional information, see how to prevent and treat the flu.

3. Visit [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov) or [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) regularly for the latest information. Heard a rumor? Visit Myths & Facts to run a fact check. Have a question? E-mail us at [flu.questions@maine.gov](mailto:flu.questions@maine.gov) or call 211. Want to stay informed? Sign up for the RSS feed or Maine CDC on Facebook or Maine CDC on Twitter for our weekly updates, health advisories, and/or press releases.

If you've been vaccinated already, please share this e-mail by letting others know why the H1N1 vaccine is safe and recommended by health experts. Millions of people have safely received the H1N1 vaccine.

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Dr. Dora A. Mills, Director of Maine CDC  
Submitted by Wilma J. Rector, RN, Upton LHO

## LADY REBELS' THANKS

### To the Editor:

The raffle for the THS Lady Rebels' trip to North Carolina was a huge success and we want to thank everyone who took part and warmly support our softball team.

The winners were: \$100 debit card, Rob James; Mt. Abram season pass, Lance Brown; Slopesiderentals.net condo for two nights Craig Ryerson; \$50 Bethel Inn Certificate, Brain Peterson; Christmas Wreath, Linda Stowell. Winner of the Patriots Quilt, generously created and donated by Nicena Walker and her Gram, was won by Alan Hayes who happened to be in Western Maine Supply and bought some tickets — he was thrilled!

Thanks again and please be on the lookout for our bottle drives, spaghetti supper, car washes and Home Run Derby with cookout.

Happy New Year from the thankful softball fundraising crew!

Heidi James  
Bethel

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## EDNA'S GREAT 100TH

### To the Editor:

What a great party Edna York's family and friends arranged for her to celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday, Dec. 27, at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills!

The decorations were extensive, there were pictures of her throughout her long life flashing continuously on a screen, and there were scrapbooks to view. There also was a band and a huge birthday cake. These folks thought of everything to make this milestone so meaningful and memorable for this remarkable lady, whom so many of us have had the great privilege of knowing.

I have many memories of Edna, but can only share a few in this limited space. Her father built the East Bethel School building in the late 1920s and Edna was one of the first teachers to provide an education there for my father and his boyhood friend, Mellen Kimball. Seventy years later, Edna would still be around to play the organ at my father's memorial service at the East Bethel Church and later play at Mellen Kimball's service there as well. It is not often that a teacher enjoys such longevity as Edna has.

Another memory I have of Edna is in 1998 when she received the Bethel Historical Society's Noll Award for outstanding volunteer service to that organization. We held the annual meeting that year in East Bethel at the Alder River Grange hall just west of the former school. She provided music for the program and was headed out the door when I stopped her to tell she had better stay for the meeting and that we had a surprise for her. We laughed about this "near miss" for years.

Besides being a teacher, Edna has been a mail carrier and later, with her husband, ran a restaurant on Bethel's Main Street. When she returned to Bethel after many years away living in a number of communities where her husband was town manager, she became a librarian at the Bethel Library. She was one of the "enforcers" who vigorously tracked down those delinquent in returning books to the Library. When one woman protested that she was contributing money to the library with her fines, Edna with her usual pragmatism responded, "Did you not think that someone else might like to read that book?"

When I was preparing my recent Bethel book for publication earlier this year, I had Edna, who had seen so much Bethel history, read the text to see if she noted any errors. I breathed a sigh of relief when she told me that it looked good to her except that her father had not closed his ammunition supply business during World War II as reported in the newspapers of that era. This was a revelation, but sometimes a firsthand source can make a difference in keeping the historic record accurate. Thank you Edna and may you have at least several more years of happy and healthy living.

Stan Howe  
Bethel

## Top local stories of 2009

### Police

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of new Town Manager Jim Doar.

Carr cited personal reasons for his departure.

The open chief's position, as well as a high turnover rate among other BPD officers, prompted Doar and selectmen to again consider contract-

ing with the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Wayne Gallant put together a proposal that would save Bethel an estimated \$18,000 a year for the first several years.

Newly selectmen briefly considered joining with Beth-

el for the dedicated protection, but then decided against it.

In late December the Bethel board set dates of Jan. 11 for a public hearing on the OCS proposal, and Feb. 9 for a special Town Meeting to vote on the question.

## Musical chairs for some managers

The front door on the Bethel Police Station is not the only one on the Cole Block to revolve.

2009 marked the conclusion of the decade-long tenure of Scott Cole as Bethel Town Manager.

In late January the Board of Selectmen voted not to renew Cole's contract, which was to expire in June.

The selectmen gave no reason for their decision, but ongoing clashes between Cole and various municipal bodies, including the Bethel Water District, Airport Authority and, especially, the Police, no doubt played a role.

Cole was replaced by Jim Doar, 31, the former town manager of Rumford.

Doar's contract calls for him to earn \$52,000 during his first year here. The figure is \$25,000 less than Cole was in his final year.

In October Cole agreed to take the position of Oxford County administrator, at an annual salary of \$59,000.

He will work out of the Oxford County courthouse in South Paris.

Come January the town manager of South Paris is expected to be yet another former Bethel town manager, Phil Tarr.

Tarr served here from 1997 to 1999, when the then Board of Selectmen opted not to renew his contract, and hired Cole.

**View from six months**  
Doar this week offered this assessment of his first six months as Bethel town manager:

*It has been a busy first six months and we have taken on a lot of projects, the most significant of which is working through how best to provide law enforcement services to the citizens of Bethel.*

*We are also looking at ways to lower energy costs around town, and at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in particular; we are studying ways to lower operating costs in every department and everyone has been asked to do a little more with a little less.*

*In the future we will have to initiate a process to update the town's comprehensive plan, and I see a need to revise how*

*we think about budgets and track spending so that the tradeoffs we make when deciding what to fund and what to spend are transparent in terms of impacts to service.*

*I think this will also help us to benchmark performance so that we have a baseline we can improve upon.*

*We are lucky in that the town is in a great position financially, which will help to somewhat alleviate the tough budget season we have in front of us.*

*After working with the staff for six months, and getting a better understanding of what everyone's strengths are, I see that the town employees are a smart, dedicated, hard-working bunch and that whatever problems arise they will be able to find creative solutions that allow us to provide consistently good services to the townspeople.*

*What impresses me so far about town employees is that they take the job of providing value to the taxpayer to heart. They are always willing to do a little bit extra.*

## G'wood voters reject land-use regs

By MICHAEL DANIELS

For much of 2009 supporters of a proposed Land Management Ordinance for Greenwood were embroiled in a hard-fought campaign to put the decision directly to town voters.

They persisted in the face of numerous procedural setbacks, and, on occasion, open hostility — as in March, when an out-of-town contractor left a telephone message with one supporter threatening to anchor party boats five feet off his shoreline "and have a bit of a party during the summer down there."

But the supporters slogged on, and eventually prevailed — in November the ordinance went to vote at a special Town Meeting.

But it proved a pyrrhic victory.

At the long-sought Town

Meeting, a standing-room-only crowd of townspeople overwhelmingly defeated the proposal.

The ordinance rejected by voters was 39 pages long and would have replaced the town's current building code, which is less than a single page in length.

Supporters argued the lengthy update, the result of more than five years of work, was needed to protect the character of the town, especially its hillsides and ridgelines.

"What this ordinance does," said resident Henry Stewart at an October public hearing, "is not prevent building — it only regulates it, and I think that is necessary to keep this community the very special place that those who live here believe it to be."

But opponents countered

the ordinance took away their property rights, and they questioned the competence of the Planning Board to administer it.

And some worried that if the ordinance were passed, large landowners would retaliate by closing snowmobile trails.

Further discussion of the ordinance at the Town Meeting lasted only half an hour; then, on a secret ballot, voters rejected it 41-137.

At year's end Planning Board member (and ordinance supporter) Jim St. Germain said that as a package, the 39-page version was dead in the water.

But, he said, he remains hopeful some elements of the plan could be implemented incrementally over time, "because this is just too beautiful a place to screw up."

## Tank cars jump tracks in Gilead

A 19-car train derailment in Gilead prompted an evacuation and tied up traffic on nearby Route 2 for much of a summer Saturday.

The 82-car St. Lawrence & Atlantic freight train was westbound on the afternoon of Aug. 15 when a quarter of its cars jumped the track on a curve.

Of the 19 cars off the tracks, 11 were tankers. Concerns

about possible hazardous liquids prompted emergency personnel to evacuate nearby residences and block off traffic on Route 2, which runs adjacent to the tracks.

The derailment ruptured one of the tanker cars, but it turned out that all of them had been empty.

A subsequent inspection by a Haz Mat team determined nothing had leaked onto the

ground or into the air.

Route 2 reopened that evening, but the cleanup work took several days.

Emergency personnel from eight area towns, as well as several state agencies, responded to the accident.

The accident, they noted, could have been much more serious had it happened in a more populated area and had the tankers been loaded.

# Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson  
**10 years ago:** The Bethel Historical Society was the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Libra Foundation for its capital campaign.

Among the New Year's celebrations in the area were the second annual New Year's Bethel, a dance at the Locke Mills Town Hall, and a hymn sing at the Pinhook Meeting House.

**Births:** Frances Ellis Bailey, Evelyn Jean Bilodeau, Blake McKay Rothwell, Shauna Marie Heath, Marcus Alexander Holden, Brendan Daniel Sonnenfeld, Louis Charles Stropshire IV, Madison Baylee Starbird, Jack Robert Morton.

**Deaths:** C. Merline Young, Raymond B. Giasson.

**20 years ago:** The STRETCH program at Telstar, a mentoring program to help students raise their personal expectations, received a \$10,000 grant from the Maine Aspirations Foundation.

Winners in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorating contest were Chester and Thirza Herrick, West Bethel; the William McNamée family, Bethel; The Bethel Savings Bank and the Holiday House, Bethel.

Andover Elementary School students presented the plays "Ma and the Kids" and "Santa's Doll Race."

**Birth:** Jacob Donald Blackburn.

**Death:** Clare Mason Smith.

**30 years ago:** The Bethel Selectmen gave final approval to the Timber Sale Agreement with Malcolm Gross for the third year of cutting on the Town Farm lot.

Two men charged in the June beating death of 76-year-old Frank Carkins of Locke Mills were found guilty in Oxford County Superior Court.

The Gould Academy Drama Department, under the direction of Mrs. Carol Fiske, was rehearsing the comedy "Auntie Mame."

**Death:** Mrs. Hilde Selin.

**40 years ago:** The budget presented to Bethel selectmen indicated expected expenditures for 1970 of \$450,000 compared with \$420,000 in 1969.

The Bethel Church of the Nazarene held a New Year's Eve Watch Night Service.

The Bethel Inn was interviewing for 1970 season job openings.

A New Year's party at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills featured music by The Rumford Trio. Admission was \$4 per couple.

**50 years ago:** Sue Farrar's Ballroom Classes, 4th-8th grades, held "A Holiday Dance" at the William Bingham Gymnasium.

Twelve inches of new powder snow gave the Sunday River Ski Area excellent skiing, and growing crowds of skiers at Barker Mountain were unanimous in their praise of the lift, lodge facilities and varied skiing terrain.

Maine Gov. Clinton A. Clauson passed away in his sleep; he was succeeded by Senate President John H. Reed.

**Birth:** Brian J. Hanscom.

**Deaths:** G. Philip Parlin, Erlon C. Burns, Eino A. Kyllonen, John F. Irvine.

**60 years ago:** George A. Mundt Post, American Legion, voted to change its name to Mundt-Allen Post.

**70 years ago:** Harry Mason caught a saffish 5 feet 6½ inches long while on a deep-sea trip in the Gulf Stream. He and Mrs. Mason were staying at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

**Deaths:** Herbert C. Rowe, Laforest York, Alanson Tyler, Will Hutchinson, Mrs. Minnie Merritt, Ray Hanscom.

**80 years ago:** The municipal skating rink on the Common sponsored by the Lions Club opened Christmas Day. Six-foot snow drifts were reported Christmas morning.

**100 years ago:** Work was resumed at the chair factory after a few weeks vacation and the long lumber mill was started.

Hollis Coolidge had a bad case of blood poisoning.

Brown Post, GAR and the Brown Relief Corps held their installations at the Odd Fellows' Hall on Main Street.

**Deaths:** Delmer Edwards, Edwin C. Rowe.

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## Top local stories of 2009 SAD44 forced to cope with budget cutbacks

School consolidation, a struggle to balance the budget, and a failed school-construction vote made 2009 a challenging year for SAD44.

And 2010 could be tougher. In January SAD44 residents approved a plan to merge with Union 37 (Rangeley) in order to comply with the state's school consolidation law.

But in a separate referendum the same day, residents of Union 27 turned down the plan.

The law required that school systems that did not comply—even those who voted favorably for a plan when their proposed partners did not—pay a fine.

But SAD44 escaped that fate in June, when the state decided the district should be exempt from consolidation, because of its geographic isolation.

June also brought approval of SAD44's \$9.67 million FY'10 budget.

But in a difficult economic climate, the figure represented a return to FY'07 budget levels, because the School Board had made reductions to compensate for a large drop in state aid.

The start of the school year in September brought further belt-tightening, as Superintendent Dave Murphy instituted a spending freeze.

The freeze anticipated a "curtailment," or cutback

in the funding that had been promised by the state.

A curtailment figure of \$250,000 was announced in December.

The 2010-2011 school year could present an even bigger challenge, with another drop in state aid, another anticipated curtailment, and little district money available from this year's budget to carry over.

SAD44 could face a deficit estimated at more than \$1.7 million.

In January the School Board is expected to begin considering its options.

### Addition

A proposal to build an addition at Telstar high/middle school was likely a victim of the tough financial times.

In July SAD44 officials floated the idea of using an interest-free loan, available through federal stimulus funding, to build a \$5 million addition at Telstar.

The plan called for a theater and second gymnasium.

A public hearing drew mixed reviews, with some residents voicing their concerns about taking out a loan, even at no interest.

But because opinion was divided, the School Board decided the project's fate should be in the hands of voters.

The question went to referendum in November. It was defeated by a 3-2 margin.

## Apparent West Bethel car-train accident leads to murder charge, acquittal

What appeared at first to be a car-train accident in West Bethel in February proved later to be a case of murder.

But the only man accused in the case, Agostino J. Samson, 23, of Windham and Bethel, was ultimately found not guilty of the crime.

The victim, Scott Libby, 25, was found dead in his car early in the morning of Feb. 20.

The car was sitting on the train tracks about 200 feet from the Barker Road crossing in Bethel.

The incident was first investigated as an accident, but police soon became suspicious that Samson's injuries were

not consistent with the relatively light damage suffered by his car.

Investigators later said they believed Libby, also of Windham, had been strangled and beaten.

In early March Samson, who lived at the nearby Bethel Hostel and worked in Bethel as a cook, was arrested and charged with murder.

There had been reports of an altercation between the men the evening before Libby was found dead.

But on September 22, an Oxford County Superior Court jury found Samson not guilty.

## Briefly

### SAD44 flu clinic scheduled

**BETHEL**—A flu clinic will take place on Saturday, Jan. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at Crescent Park School for SAD 44 students in the following categories: students age 8 and younger at Crescent Park School who need a second seasonal flu vaccine; all elementary students age 9 and younger who need a second H1N1 vaccine; and seasonal flu vaccine for students in grades 9 to 12. Permission forms must have already been received.

### Bethel to harvest town forest

**BETHEL**—Selectmen decided Dec. 21 to harvest \$15,000 worth of timber from the 100-acre town forest off Route 2, instead of selling the land—at least for now. The board asked Town Manager Jim Doar to look into the possibility of listing the lot for sale. But research showed putting it up for sale in the current market would not likely be worthwhile. Part of the lot also serves as a sludge dumping site for the town's wastewater treatment plant. Doar recommended the town hold on to the property for at least a year, timber it, and perhaps revisit selling it in the future.

### Guide to ice fishing

**AUGUSTA**—Maine wildlife officials are giving their take on the upcoming ice fishing season with their annual Ice Fishing Preview. In the guide, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife biologists tell what fish have been stocked and where and give their picks of some of the state's best ice fishing hot spots. The guide is available on the department's Web site. The ice fishing season begins Jan. 1 for most of the state and continues through the end of March.

### CLUBS, ORGANIZATION NEWS

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations.

The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated.

All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

**Photos:** When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444.

News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: [news@bethelcitizen.com](mailto:news@bethelcitizen.com).

**Returns:** Due to the volume of material passing through our office, we regret that we cannot be responsible for unsolicited submissions.

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## Economy

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nounced that the Ethan Allen sawmill was closing.

Again, poor economic conditions were cited.

Andover residents made up a quarter of the affected workforce; the remainder came from other towns in the River Valley and Oxford Hills labor markets, where unemployment at the end of November was at 15.1 and 10 percent respectively, compared with 8 percent statewide in Maine and 8.5 percent nationwide.

But 2009 also brought encouraging signs for Oxford County, Walbridge said.

Discussions have begun between the Maine State Housing Authority and two Oxford Hills manufactured-housing firms, Kaiser Homes and KBS, with the aim of stabilizing and regrowing that beleaguered segment of the western Maine economy.

A new outdoor Oxford Hills concert venue is also in the

planning stage, she said, one large enough to attract major national performers.

And in Andover, the closed Ethan Allen mill is being purchased by two local investors.

### Topnotch snow-making seen as rainmaker for local economy.

They plan to gradually reopen it, Walbridge said, creating jobs and keeping the property on the tax role.

"They're quite intent on hiring back local workers," Walbridge said, "and that touched me deeply."

At Sunday River, General Manager Dana Bullen said Tuesday that some of the employees released in May have been brought back, if in different capacities.

As for current ski season, Bullen acknowledged it's off to an inauspicious start weather-wise, but he saw a silver lining even to that.

Bullen argues that when the weather doesn't cooperate, Sunday River's highly regarded snowmaking capacity is even more of a rainmaker for the Bethel-area economy.

"What makes Sunday River different is our snowmaking. That's one of the reasons we've been able to be open consistently since Oct. 14 [initially weekends only]."

"No other resort even touched the Oct. 14 opening," Bullen said. "And when they did try to open early they weren't able to sustain it."

"That led to really strong reservations at Christmas time, and it just reinforces the fact that even in a hard winter Sunday River separates itself because of the snowmaking capacity that's been built up over the years."

## Condor

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But the ANG is proposing to lower the floor to 500 feet above ground level (AGL), arguing that the current minimum-altitude restriction makes it impossible for pilots to train for the types of missions they are likely to be called on to fly, especially post-9/11.

But well before 911 the ANG had been making a similar argument.

In 1991 it proposed lowering the Condor floor to 300 feet ANG in order to provide for more realistic training of its reservist pilots.

That proposal was immediately assailed by area residents, the entire Maine Congressional Delegation, and, eventually, even the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Opponents claimed the flights were unnecessary, and that noise from the low-level fighters would undermine the region's quality of life and undermine the crucial tourism industry.

When the fog of bureaucratic and political battle had cleared, the ANG dropped its

plan — but not before producing a three-inch-thick Environmental Impact Statement.

This year the ANG was back with another proposal to lower the floor.

And while the arguments for and against the plan were similar to those in the past, the environmental analysis was another matter.

Instead of two thick volumes of facts and figures, this time around the ANG presented only a slim (8 inches in all) page Draft Environmental Impact Statement EIS.

At a November public comment session on the EIS more than 50 people signed up to share their thoughts.

Two of those people spoke in favor of the Guard's proposal, but the rest challenged both the overflight proposal itself and its EIS.

Maine State Rep. Jarrod Crockett (R-Bethel), a combat veteran and major in the Maine Army National Guard, didn't mince words — blasting the EIS as a "half-hearted" rehash "pencil-whipped"

up by the Massachusetts military in anticipation of an FAA "rubber stamp."

And he noted that the EIS ignored specific questions asked by public officials, including Gov. John Baldacci, both of Maine's U.S. senators, a U.S. representative and numerous state-government officials.

"Respect for civilian authority is paramount to any military organization," Crockett said, "and anything less is unacceptable."

**At year's end — promises**  
Crockett said Wednesday, "the Mass. Air Guard is continuing its efforts to expand the Condor MOA."

"They have promised to answer many of the concerns raised by the numerous elected officials, and more importantly the concerned citizens, in another, final, Environmental Impact Statement."

"The revised EIS and public comments will then go to the FAA for a final determination."

"The outcome is still up in the air at this time," Crockett said.

## 'The Blizzard of 2010'?

While The Citizen is reluctant to get into the weather-prediction business, it appears there's a chance Sunday River's snowmakers may get a well-deserved rest over the first weekend of the new year.

On Wednesday some forecasters were saying that the elements appeared to be lining up for a major storm at week's end, perhaps on the scale with the Blizzard of '78.

From The Bethel Citizen, Feb. 9, 1978:

*A winter storm of blizzard proportions hit the local area on Monday night and continued until early Tuesday evening. A reliable determination of the snowfall was difficult due to windy conditions prevalent during the duration of the storm. Reports of a 30-inch snowfall at Sunday River Skiway by early Tuesday afternoon, with 20 inches in Rumford would seem to indicate that at least 20 inches fell in the Bethel village area.*

*Schools of SAD44 were closed on Tuesday and some places of business closed their doors early because of the storm.*

*The same storm caused extremely high tides along the Maine coast, causing great loss in communities along the shore. Some areas of southern New England continue to be crippled by the storm's aftermath.*

## Otten

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didate Tuesday evening, speaking at the Bethel Inn Conference Center.

The Republican primary will take place in June.

### Sunday River 50th

The mountain that Otten grew into a ski industry giant celebrated its 50th anniversary

ry this year.

On Dec. 19, 1959 a small group of Bethel-area businessmen opened Sunday River in Newry.

The first few trails were located on Barker Mountain, also the location of the first lodge.

Under Otten, the resort expanded to eight peaks, three lodges and hundreds of condominiums.

On Dec. 19, 2009, Sunday River celebrated with events at South Ridge Lodge.



## The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I sincerely hope that everyone reading this had a wonderful Christmas. I certainly did. My children and grandchildren came to my house Christmas morning and a great time was had by all, especially the grandkids, who I totally indulge.

The months I spent shopping for gifts and the endless hours of wrapping was over in a 20-minute frenzy of flying wrapping paper.

After everyone left, my living room looked like a hangover. The floor was a sea of wrapping paper, boxes and bows. After all the shouts of glee and general chatter the silence was deafening. My husband and I just sat there amidst the holiday debris smiling with contentment. I wouldn't trade Christmas mornings at my house for anything in the world.

Now here we are on New Year's Eve and I hope that you all have a very happy new year.

I imagine that some of you made some New Year's resolutions, as that is the custom. Lifestyle changes always top the list and I wish you luck if you resolved to improve yours.

My husband made a few resolutions this year too, but they were for me not for him. They included such things as "I will be more obedient,"

"I will be more attentive to his needs," and "I will not contradict him when I think he is full of it (which, is most of the time)." His resolutions really don't stand much of a chance, I can tell you that!

Personally I don't make any resolutions. I used to but I generally broke them by January 2. A few times I kept them until the end of the month, but I don't recall ever making a New Year's resolution that I actually kept. So, I do not make New Year's resolutions.

### Personally I don't make any resolutions.

I do, however, have hopes for 2010. Like everyone, I do hope for health and prosperity in the coming year and I certainly hope for world peace. I hope for a resolution to the war in Iraq and the safe return of the men and women in the armed forces.

I hope that the upcoming election year will go a lot smoother than a few in the past. I hope that the politicians will focus on the important issues instead of delving into negative campaigning against their opponent. That should go about as well as my husband's resolutions for me.

I hope that my furnace's addiction to oil will be somewhat curbed by mild temperatures and I hope that gas prices will reach an all-time low instead of an all-time high. Not much chance of that either!

I hope that in 2010 I will find all the things I misplaced in 2009 including some Christmas gifts I bought last summer and don't have a clue where I put them.

I hope that my neighbor will get the muffler on his car replaced so when he starts revving it at 5:30 a.m. I won't have to hear it.

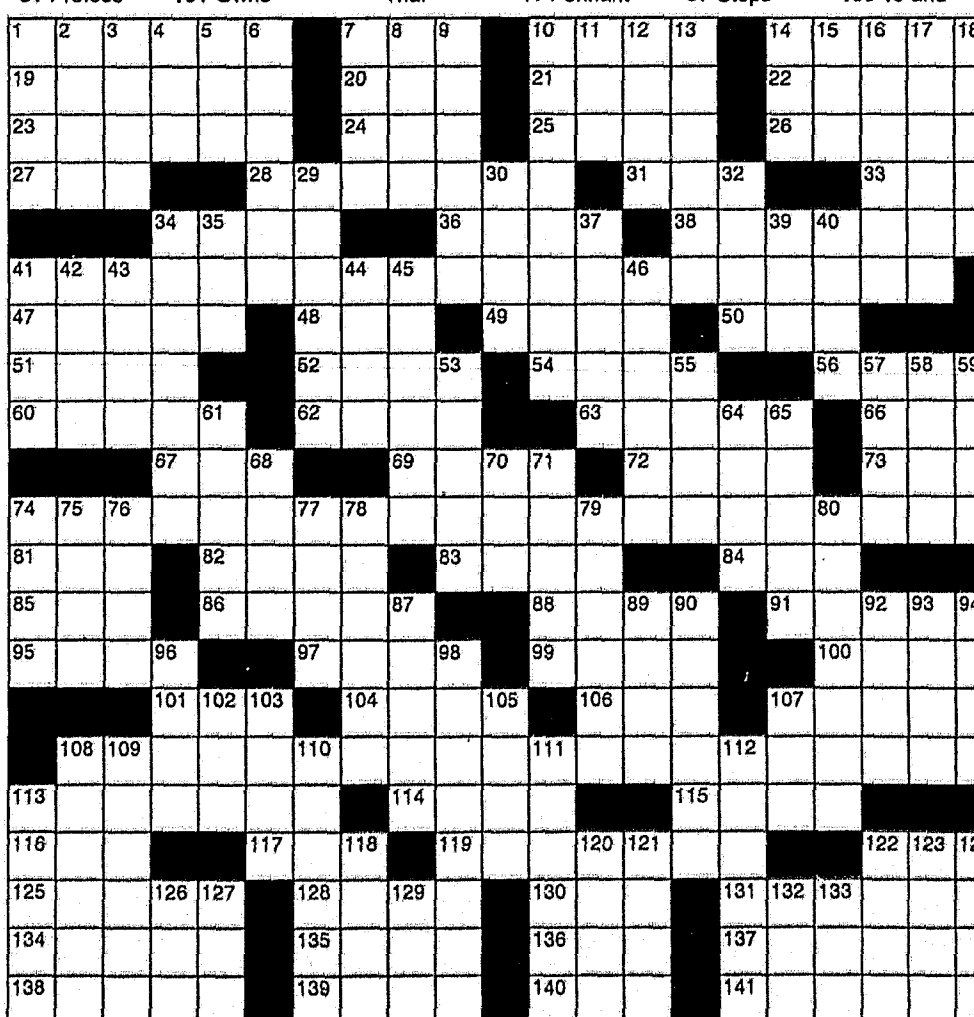
I hope that my computer and I will come to an understanding that if it doesn't give me "Error Messages" I won't call it obscene names.

I hope that in 2010 I will get out and weed my garden more than a couple of times and that the nasty red bugs that have been dining on my lilies for the last couple of years move onto higher ground.

And, finally, I hope that each and everyone of you have a peaceful and productive new year. That your joys will be many and your sorrows few. That even one hope that you have for 2010 will become a reality and that the love of your friends and family will embrace you the whole year through.

A Very Happy New Year to you all.

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Super Crossword

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### From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, Dec. 29

At 1 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach responded to Main Street for a report of an assault and criminal mischief that had occurred in a parking lot. The complainant said two subjects had broken the mirror on his truck and pushed him several times. Several other subjects in the area said they had not seen who broke the mirror. The officer later spoke with a subject who said his adult son had broken the mirror and pushed the complainant. The father and complainant agreed to meet the next day and the son would apologize and they would pay for the damage.

(Time not available) Officer Bill Britting responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on the Paris Road, with two occupants. Zachary L. Fritz, 27, was given a summons for operating with passenger/open container of alcohol on a public way.

Monday, Dec. 28

At 4:16 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward received a report of a property-damage accident involving two cars.

At 5:39 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward received a report of a car off the road on Martins Lane. A state trooper was on the scene when the officer arrived and had taken the report.

At 8:40 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward received a report of a car-pole accident on Route 5. There were no injuries. The pole was snapped in half but was still upright. CMP was notified.

Sunday, Dec. 27

At 4 a.m. Officer Jason Goff responded to Vernon Street for a report of domestic assault. A subject was treated at the scene for an injury. The incident is under investigation.

At 11:45 p.m. Officer Anthony Keach conducted a welfare check on the Flat Road.

Saturday, Dec. 26

At 10:38 a.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to Route

2 in Gilead to assist a state trooper with a single-vehicle accident with possible injuries. The officer stayed with the vehicle and occupants until the trooper arrived.

At 2 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to a residence for a report of shots fired, the same location that had a similar complaint the day before. On checking with neighbors, the officer learned that one had been target-practicing in his field. The distance through the woods to the residence was about 500 feet. The shooters were made aware of the severity of their actions and the deadly results that could have occurred.

At 11:20 p.m. Officer Anthony Keach received a request to check Vernon Street for a subject who had not yet arrived home. The caller was concerned he might have gone off the road. The officer checked the street and was then notified the subject had been located.

Friday, Dec. 25

At 1:15 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach met with a complainant at a business regarding a suspicious subject. The officer followed the complainant home to make sure she would be all right.

At 5:20 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward responded to Mason Street for a report of a telephone threat. A statement was taken.

At 6:36 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward responded to a business for a report of a shoplifter stealing beer and running out of the store. It was reported the suspect fled in a dark, older model SUV with two other occupants. The plate number given was not on file, and the vehicle was gone when the officer arrived.

At 9:20 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward responded to a residence for possible bullet holes found in a wall of a house. The officer confirmed it was a hole from a bullet, entering in the bathroom and ending in the closet in the bedroom. The homeowner said that neighbors had been shooting in the afternoon. The officer returned to the

residence a short time later for a report of a single gunshot. There was no evidence of anyone having been around the perimeter of the house.

Wednesday, Dec. 23

At 5:40 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to an accident at the Parkway/Route 2 intersection. The offending vehicle had left the scene. The officer used a hacksaw to cut off a piece of broken fender on the other vehicle so it could be driven. On Dec. 24, the driver of the vehicle that had left the scene was located at a local lodging place. The driver, from another country, did not realize the police needed to be involved if there were no injuries.

### Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

Dec. 27, 10:36 a.m.: Nicholas S. Downs, 23, of Bethel, domestic assault, violation of bail conditions; by BPD Officer Jason Goff in Bethel.

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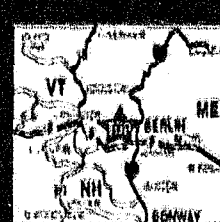
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## New local teen band finding its own sound

By ALISON ALOISIO

Two former "Myth" musicians have morphed into a new band, "Midnite Haze."

Ryan Vail and David Pilgrim, 13, are Telstar Middle School students, and they already have an impressive musical career.

For a year and a half, they played in a four-man local band known as "Myth," made up of all middle-school students.

They wrote their own songs and played rock music at the Sudbury Inn, the Phoenix, the Funky Red Barn and even the Old Port Festival in Portland.

This past summer, Ryan and David, both guitarists, decided to start their own group.

They added Ryan's older brother, Devin, 16, who is a drummer.

"We wanted to take on more of a challenge," said David. Today their focus is on heavier rock and metal.

With the help of Ted and Connie St. Pierre of the Outlook recording studio in Bethel, they're cutting their first CD.

Three original songs, "Dark of the Rising," "You," and "Soul" are already completed. The boys plan another half dozen or so over the next few months.

In the meantime, the band is playing at private parties and benefits. They also recently opened for the Rumford-based band, "Monsta."

"We're trying to get them established," said Dave Bartlett, the Vail boys' grandfather and co-manager.

The band is hoping the community will help get the word out about them, he said.

Ryan, the primary vocalist, has done most of the composing, but David, on bass guitar, and Devin have also added their own ideas and material.

All three boys come from musical families. David's uncle played harmonica and guitar, and the Vails' father, Derek, was a singer who recorded CDs in the 1990s.

David said he was glad to have another Vail in the band. "[Devin is] a really talented drummer," David said.

The St. Pierres are impressed with all the young musicians.

"They have incredible potential," said Ted. "It's pretty good for kids their age to come in and cut three songs like this."

Connie said they have taken music from 1960s artists, like Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin, and adapted it.

"They can pull it off. They've put their own spin on it," she said.

For more on the band, and to hear the three completed songs, go to [www.midnitehaze.com](http://www.midnitehaze.com).



**MIDNITE HAZE**  
band members (from front) Ryan Vail, David Pilgrim and Devin Vail at the Outlook Studio in Bethel.  
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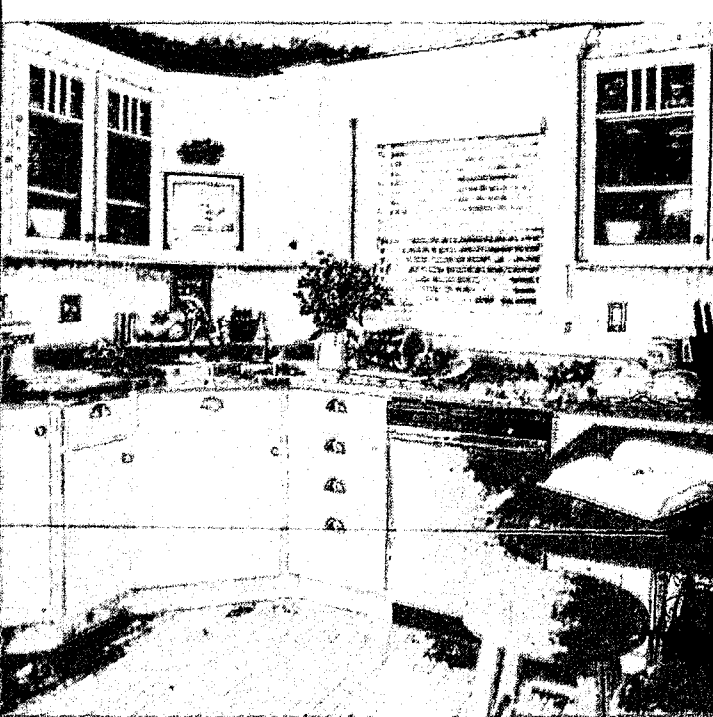


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## Bethel

by Nancy Brown



Friends and family celebrated Edna York's 100th

birthday with a party at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills on Sunday, Dec. 27. Among the out-of-town friends and relatives who attended were Kay Eames of Cape Elizabeth who came with her son-in-law, Keith Bowden, of Melrose, Mass., Valerie Bowden of Melrose, Mass., and Barbara White of Newton, Mass. Judith and Mike Colletta came from Woonsocket, R.I. with their granddaughter, Danielle Kirkland, of Coventry, R.I. Also attending were Rachel and Dan Kirkland and their sons, John and Matthew, of Coventry.

Earlier this year the town of Bethel presented Edna with the Boston Post Cane. The cane is also celebrating its 100th birthday this year.

In August 1909, Edwin A. Grozier, publisher of the Boston Post newspaper, sent gold-headed ebony canes to 431 New England towns with the request that each town give the cane to their oldest male citizen. At his death, the cane would be transmitted to the next oldest male citizen. In 1930, after much controversy, eligibility for the canes was opened to women.

The Bethel Historical Society is presenting the "12th Annual New Year's Bethel" on Dec. 31. Scheduled events begin at 5 p.m. and conclude at midnight with the annual New Year's Eve bell-ringing ceremony at the town clock in downtown Bethel. For more information see the holiday guide elsewhere in the Citizen, visit the Bethel Historical Society website at [www.bethelhistorical.org](http://www.bethelhistorical.org) or call 824-2908.

The Bethel United Methodist Church on Main Street invites all participants to drop in after the bell-ringing ceremony for a hot drink and cookies. To-go drinks will be available for the ride home.

Christmas Day guests of Doris Fraser were Richard and Nancy Fraser of East Poland and Pat LaRose.

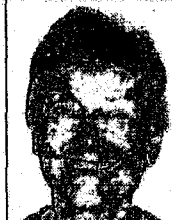
Jane Young spent Christmas Day with her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and John Marzilli, in Naples. Kathy was also celebrating her birthday.

There will be a blue moon on Dec. 31. This is the second full moon in the month.

Do you have news? Send it to [nancybrown1150@yahoo.com](mailto:nancybrown1150@yahoo.com) or call 824-2483.

## West Bethel

by Lorrie Hoeh



Hello from West Bethel. I have been so caught up in Christmas, visiting family,

and getting ready for New Year's Eve that I almost forgot to write my column this week. And in fact, I may have submitted it too late for publication. But here goes, anyway.

Over the weekend we had pooh-yuck weather, with rain, fog, mist, freezing rain, melting, dripping, etc. On Monday the temperature dropped slightly and snow finally fell, starting late in the afternoon and continuing until mid evening. I drove home from downtown Bethel right around 4 Monday and encountered slimy, slippery going on Route 2 and the Flat Road. I had opted for the highway, rather than Grover Hill, for just that reason and felt very smart for having done so.

On Tuesday morning we drove over to Black Mountain to watch the cross-country ski sprint races. Grandchildren Molly and Andrew Siegel were participating. We'll be able to tell you something about the outcome next week. Monday's snow should have put the ski course in pretty good shape. The staff and volunteers at Black Mountain do a fantastic job with grooming.

Our Boston family, the Grifins, arrived on Sunday, minus older son, Owen, who had to work at his vacation job. However, he had Tuesday and Wednesday off, so he took the bus from South Station to Portland Monday evening. His parents drove down to pick him up and encountered horrendous road conditions, but finally arrived safely at the bus/train station a little before 7, with his bus due in at 7:15. The weather in Portland was much milder than up here, so they were able to come back with little or no trouble.

We have been seeing chickadees, nuthatches, and the occasional titmouse at the feeders, although still not in the numbers we've seen in years past. There have even been a few goldfinches. The most numerous visiting birds continue to be the woodpeckers, blue jays, and doves. Even the red squirrel numbers are down. I have seen many turkeys here and there along the Grover Hill Road, but none have so far ventured into our back yard. We're ready for them if they do come, with plenty of cracked corn.

We have had a continu-

ous schedule of good dinners, good company, and good family times. Christmas Eve was spent with cousins Eric and Lucia Schwarz, with the Siegel family in attendance, as well as the Schwarzes' son, Peter, and his family. Then on Christmas Day, the Hoehs and Siegels drove to Chesterville to be with the Stancioffs. Our daughter, Cyndy, prepared a traditional German dinner of sauerbraten, potato pancakes, sweet-and-sour red cabbage, and applesauce. I brought made-from-scratch strudel and various German Christmas cookies. Talk about full!

Then on Sunday, a gathering here at the Hoehstead with Grifins, Siegels, and Hoehs, and the menu was roast lamb. Dessert was leftover strudel and cookies! It will be several weeks into the New Year before this grandma is back to normal weight.

I hope you all had as much fun and enjoyment with your families and friends as we had with ours. For the New Year ahead we wish you good health and contentment, and for the world, peace at last. Happy New Year to all!

## East Bethel

by Wally Ritz



It is snowing outside as I am writing this, which is better than the rain we

had as the roads were starting to get flooded in the neighborhood.

Am happy to report that East Bethel had lots of Christmas cheer going on. Sonny and Bettyann Hastings received presents all the way from Atlanta and their friends Clint and Martha Schaum of Atlanta, Ga., spent a week with them. The weekend of the 19th they really had a great time having a pre-X-mas dinner attended by Jack and Julie Warwick of New Hampshire; Scott and Ellen Franklin with their children Kathryn, John and Summer; Eric and Celeste Hastings with sons Zack and Cam; Jeff and Cathy Hastings with kids Justin and Jennifer; and Jay Hastings. All had a great time.

Jean Grover enjoyed several family gatherings to celebrate X-mas eve and X-mas day with her children, grandkids and great-grandkids.

Earl and Mona Coolidge had a lovely X-mas dinner with Richard and Jen, Cadence and Broughan in Pike Hill, N.H.

Peter Haines had quite the celebration also for the gathering under the X-mas tree and X-mas dinner. Nancy Haines with her friend Harvey Small of Greenwood and her son Jo-

seph; George Haines along with daughter Lisa and son James of Gray; John Carter and partner Cynthia Flores; and last but not least Nancy Mercer.

Here at my house my daughter Katy and husband Jim along with the the grandkids, Ben and Boden, and my son Ryan were here to spend X-mas Day together.

Now on to the Alder River Grange news. Their next scheduled meeting is Jan. 8 at Stan Howe's on Broad Street. For the members there will be a Potluck Supper at 6 p.m. followed by the regular members' meeting at 7 p.m.

Now time to close out the Trivia question. The answer to part one is "Bloody Street" and part two/why is a 10 to 2 result as two say it was given the name due to an Indian massacre, yet 10 agree with the Eva Bean Book of East Bethel which says that "Bill Hillard is said to have stabbed a man who was bleeding profusely all over the vicinity."

In closing, would love to hear from the newer members of the neighborhood, either way call me at 824-3220 or e-mail me [han@megalink.net](mailto:han@megalink.net).

Happy New Year to everyone!

## Gilead

by Lin Chapman



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and had a

chance to spend it with their family. This is the last column for 2009. Many wishes for a Happy New Year.

We haven't seen any new birds at the feeder recently. There have been plenty of chickadees, blue jays, goldfinches and mourning doves. There is a woodpecker that shows up occasionally and throws the seeds around.

My brother, Steve McLain, went out Christmas evening for dinner. He and Lise went to Lee and Jennifer Norris' home. Others attending the festivities were Bradley Norris, Aline Dupont, Gerard Dupont and Jarrod and Paige Crockett.

Hugh and I went to Tim and Michele's Friday evening for dinner. The grandchildren, William, Annie, Ajay and Sidney, were there and very excited over Christmas. Michele's parents, Leo and Ann Croteau, her niece and nephew and their mother were also there for dinner. After dinner, the children opened their presents and then after saying thank you to everyone, they hurried off to set up and try out all their new gadgets. Many thanks to Michele

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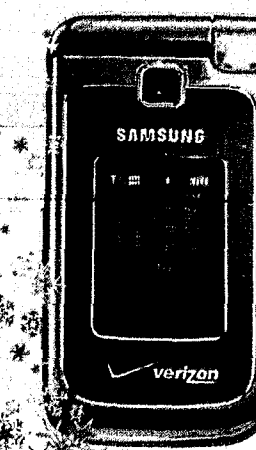
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for all the hard work she did to prepare all that great food for so many people. Our other son, Chris, called on Friday to wish us a Merry Christmas. They live in St. Cloud, Minn., and were busy shoveling all the snow they got from that big storm.

I got a call from Sue Saunders last Saturday evening. She said that she should be home by New Year's Eve. She had to spend Christmas in Lewiston getting over a second operation on her hip. All seems to be going well this time. We just hope that she gets home soon and takes it easy for a while.

#### Town Office

This is another reminder that dog licenses are due in January. There will be a \$15 fine for any dog licenses paid after Jan. 31. The Town Clerk is available on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. If your dog has a current rabies shot and the information is on file with the Town Clerk, you may mail in the fee and request the license.

The town books close on Dec. 31. All real estate taxes that are not paid by that date will be listed in the Annual Town Report as unpaid taxes. The January meeting of the Selectmen will be about working on the budget for next year. All department heads should get their budgets in before the meeting.

#### Planning Board

The Planning Board should have a draft ready soon for the Comprehensive Plan that they have been working on for the past couple of years. There will be copies available at the Town Office at a later date. A Public Hearing will be held sometime before the plan goes to the public to vote on it.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

#### Upton



by Laurie Brown

Although the mixed rain-snow made driving treacherous on Sunday, some folks still made it to the Ladies Aid building for breakfast. The refrigerator

has been boxed in with insulation for the winter and hopefully will work as it should, even when the temperatures take another dip.

The moose trails on the snowbanks through Grafton are more plentiful than the ski trails on Saddleback Mountain.

Selectmen will be holding a meeting on Dec. 30 to work on the budget for the annual Town Meeting in March.

It's pretty quiet in Upton as far as I know. The daylight hours are increasing, yeah!

After reading the following snippet, I'm determined to laugh my way through the next cold I get. Laughter is a complex process that requires the coordination of many muscles. It increases blood pressure and heart rate, changes the breathing, reduces levels of some neurochemicals and is a potential boost to the immune system — overall it's very good for us.

Have a safe and happy New Year's eve. See you next year. Selah

#### Hanover



by Clem Worcester

Another year has slipped into the history books. Hopes are high that 2010 will

bring better fortune to area folks who have been struggling through the tough economic times of the past several years. Perhaps our resilient personal constitutions will help lift us to new successes.

Usually in the last column of the year we like to review the events of the past year and pick out some of the top stories.

This time we start out with the Androscoggin River ice rescue last January when four local men pulled Mike Thurston out of the frigid water and to shore after he drove his snowmobile into open water.

In early April Hanover icon Elmer Lyons passed away after a period of declining health in a nursing home. He will be long remembered by many who stopped by his antique shop just to chat. A lovely, caring lady, Joan Howe

passed away last summer. Freeman Butler, a Howard Pond resident, passed away this year, also.

One important story for the citizens of Hanover was the successful completion and acceptance of an updated Comprehensive Plan for the town of Hanover. Several years of committee work assisted by Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments established the plan to update the original plan from 1974. The new plan was adopted at the annual Town Meeting on Oct. 20.

Work at the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library continues to be a success story with increases in readership, new books and increased services. The Hanover Town Office will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 in observance of the holiday.

Be reminded that dog licenses will become overdue after Jan. 1. If you are going fishing or hunting in January you should have a new license because the old ones expire Dec. 31.

The Hanover Planning Board will meet Jan. 6 at the Hanover Town Office. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

We send best wishes to Bethel Citizen correspondent Rocky Graham and her husband David Hart who had the misfortune of a fire in their Waterford home several days before Christmas. Hopefully they will soon recover from their loss.

Christmas appeared to be quiet in Hanover. A lot of families gathered together and the exuberance of the grandchildren were anything but quiet. Donna and Clem had guests including Brian, Sara, Kaylynn, Shawnee and Makala Worcester from Carthage; Jenny and Matt Tirrell along with Apollo from Oxford along with Lisa and Henry Theberge and Pete Pearce from Roxbury.

Holiday guests of Bill and Gail Worcester were Daren, Fran, and Wyatt Worcester from Hooksett, N.H.; Brad and Amanda Worcester from Lewiston; Mike, Jenna and Jett Worcester from Greene.

We wish everyone Happy New Year.

#### Mason



by Richard Grover

Thoughts on reaching 70 — I have now reached that age

where I reflect a lot about how things are, how they used to be and where they are going.

For one thing, there are not many new things I want any more. I can't see any need for faster cars, bigger machines, bigger houses and TV sets or any more new electronic gadgets. We have already got so many energy- and time-saving gadgets that we don't have to do anything physical to go anywhere or do anything. Machines do all our work!

As a result, our bodies are getting fatter and we're not living as long. Our minds don't have to do any work either because we have computers to do all our thinking. TV anesthetizes our brains with inane drivel to the point that our young people no longer know how to interact with other real people. We don't even need money any more — just plastic. We don't need to take care of ourselves, because if something breaks or wears out, we just have a "replacement" operation. We even have all kinds of drugs we can take so we can feel good.

Whatever happened to "self sufficiency"? People used to either make do with what they had or learn to do with-

out. Now, they just go to the store or surf the Internet to satisfy their every desire. If they don't want to work, that's okay because the government will provide shelter and money or food stamps to keep them above the "poverty level."

Remember Karl Marx? We in America are getting close to realizing his ideal society. You know, Everyone contributes to the state according to their ability and receives from the state according to their needs. What could be better than that?

#### Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. I hope that everyone had a nice Christmas. This was

the first year that I was not out shopping on Christmas eve day. This was also the first time that we didn't get Christmas cookies made, we're doing them today! Oh well, better late than never.

A flu Clinic will be held on Jan. 7, 9 to 11 a.m. at the Town Hall for seasonal and H1N1 vaccinations. FMI contact Karen at 392-4031.

The dump will be closed on Friday, New Year's Day. The Town Office will be open their regular hours this week, but the library will have a change — Wednesday there will be evening hours, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, open 1 to 4:30, and no evening hours.

The roads were quite slick

late Saturday night, with the freezing rain. Sunday it turned over to a slushy mixture. Friday and Saturday they're calling for another snowstorm; hopefully it will be enough for snow machining.

Enjoy the weekend, and Happy New Year!

#### Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

May all the readers have a great 2010 New Year weekend.

Everyone I have talked with had a wonderful Christmas Weekend with lots of family and friends. Mark and I traveled to Rumford to join Johan and Saul Schwind, their daughter, Rebecca and Brian Dunton from Fayette, and son Philip from Concord, N.H. Our cousin, Claire Marx, from Windham joined the family gathering. It was a great get-together with Johan's usual good cooking.

The Crepe Cabana at Sunday River is building a second Cabana to serve the crowds at the ski slopes.

The Bear River Trading Post still has lots of Kinco insulated work gloves and warm outdoor wear. Don't forget their fourth annual burning of Christmas trees. Everyone is invited on Thursday, New Year's Eve, to bring their Christmas trees to the BRTF lower field where the burning will take place. They will have coffee and a grill so

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The January snowmobile meeting is Sunday, Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Trail cleaning and brush removal, to make it easier to ride, has been done recently and will be continued. Information regarding the WVSC trail conditions can be obtained by calling Leon Dunn (824-3335), Ed Powers (739-0618) or Brad Wight (824-2288).

You may stop by the Town Office to get a list of club members and a season schedule of events from Dave Bonney. New members are always welcome. Please feel free to join the club at that time.

## Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt  
Sympathy is extended to the family of Gary Savage.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30 and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday night at 5:30 is prayer meeting. Looking ahead Jan. 2 at 10 a.m. is Budget Committee meeting, Jan. 9 at 7 a.m.

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men's prayer breakfast at Pleasant Valley Bible Church in West Bethel.

Ladies breakfast will be held at the Fire Hall on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 9 a.m. This is a potluck breakfast so bring something, a dish to share for the meal. Marybeth Hoover will be showing her artwork. There is no charge for the breakfast but if you would like to give a love gift to Marybeth for her mission trip to New Guinea, you may do so. FMI call 665-2171.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Town Conference Room. This is potluck so please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. A Silent Auction will be held so bring something for that. Meeting starts at 11:30. New members are always welcome. Dues are due at the January meeting.

## Historical Society

The Historical Society Museum represents Woodstock well with all its local memorabilia. The town's people, places and events are well recorded there in exhibits and Ruby Emery's research. The members are also an important resource for you to tap. They remember important things about the town and area. President Olive Risko's research reports are also valuable in this regard. The programs are not always local but they are of general interest to almost anyone. Program chairman Paul Billings works hard on them. The potluck suppers certainly appeal to their stomachs. They are organized by Vicki May Billings. The next meeting is at the Town Conference Room on Saturday, Jan. 9, with a soup (provided) and each one bringing their own sandwich supper at 6 p.m. with program



Winter Solstice Observance: Several members of the Western Mountains Senior College "Explorations in Spirituality" class celebrated the Winter Solstice, Dec. 21, at the home of Beth and Walter Brough. Shown are Sara Wright, Judy Huber, Jackie Cressy, Mary-Ellen Gartner, Judy Whitman and Beth Brough. (Absent: Rosabelle Tiff, photographer)

on Disney World.

Bessie House gave Larry Billings some flowers to help decorate for Christmas.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Frank Campbell.

## East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

I hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas, got lots of nice presents, and had a lot of delicious food to eat. My mother and I had a very nice time at my brother's house watching my nieces and nephews open gifts, and have fun. My nephew Matt made Thai food that was very, very good. I'd never had it before and was quite

surprised at how good it is.

Do you know the saying that "no good deed goes unpunished"? Well I'm sorry to say that it's true. Last week I tried to bring a sick friend some dinner, she wasn't home, and when I tried to get out of her driveway I got stuck. After about twenty minutes of terror I finally got out to the main road. One good thing that came out of it is that I didn't have to cook dinner that night.

How many resolutions have you made for the next year? I haven't made any; I know I should but if I began the list would be so long that I wouldn't stop writing until next year. So I guess I'll just save ink and paper instead.

Have a Happy New Year's Eve and Day.

See 'ya.

## Waterford



by Rockie Graham

Hope everyone had a great holiday and are all geared up for a Happy New Year!

As many of you know we had a pre-Christmas disaster.

On Wednesday just after work I was herded out of the shower and told get dressed because the house was on fire. I said "you're kidding right?"

He wasn't. We grabbed a few essentials — in my case I put on my clothes — and the Tasha dog and ran out after calling 911.

I guess others called too. There was no smoke in the

house, yet, until we went out the door and let it in. As soon as we went out the door, we were hit by mountains of black smoke. My neighbor, Barbara, grabbed me and brought me to her house to get me out of the smoke, but even there one could smell smoke.

Very soon multiple fire trucks and firefighters showed up. There were so many trucks the whole road was blocked. We can't thank them for all they did, especially Waterford who ran the show and tried to save as much of our belongings as they could. They even pulled Dave's drum sets outside and covered them. Dave and Tasha watched the house burn. The flames were 8 to 10-feet high.

Today I want to thank everyone for all their help. I can't thank everyone individually; I am afraid I would forget a few. But I want to thank Darrel, Rachel, and Travis, Debby Howe, Mary Kay and Randy, Becky and Jeff, Danny McAlister and many others who stopped by and helped us pack up what we left. I know I am leaving people out, but I will have to catch up with them next week.

We also need to thank those who handed us money and checks to help out. From the anonymous Coop donor to the wonderful woman at Reny's, who hearing me tell the cashier what had happened, had the cashier give her a gift certificate and then handed it to me. We are very grateful for that. And Betty's Laundry, who washed a truckload of clothes and didn't charge us.

I know I am forgetting many, so do not be insulted. I am doing this on a borrowed laptop and lucky to be able to send anything at all. Again, Thank You to Everyone!

The important thing is that we are all okay. We are staying at Becky and Jeff's in Norway and can be reached at 743-8547 or our cell which works here 739-9115.

We should still be at Bethel Transfer on Wednesday and Saturday.

God Bless.  
Happy New Year.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANDOVER PLANNING Town of Andover

The Andover Planning Board will hold a public hearing on an application for a height variance as requested by David Holtzman on behalf of 208 Main Street, LLC located at 208 South Main Street, Andover.

Date of Public Hearing: Monday, January 18th, 2010  
Time: 7:00pm  
Place: Andover Town Hall

The application requests that a height variance be granted for a 10kW residential wind tower. From foundation base to top, the tower measures 80feet and with propellers, 93 feet.

Lora Owings, Chairman, Planning Board

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## Albany



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Sheila Dyke  
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keeping warm now that the winter weather is "finally" here! Sheesh! Just because the calendar said that the 21st was the first day of winter doesn't mean that it hadn't been winter before that! As I write this, I am listening to the heater chug along constantly while the wind blusters around the house.

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas. It's been nice having Dyana home for the holiday. The kids, for the most part, are still getting along, although being cooped up inside is starting to wear on everyone's nerves.

2010. I remember as a kid thinking that when it gets to the year 2000 I'd be old; now I'm not quite agreeing with that assessment as a new decade is about to begin. However you celebrate the outgoing of the old year (and decade) and the start of the new, we hope that you will all remain safe, healthy and happy!

Drive carefully out there. The weather of these past few days has made the roads a bit slippery to traverse.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week! God Bless and Keep!

## From Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

The 12th annual New Year's Bethel, sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society, will be featuring a wide variety of activities for a broad audience starting at 5 p.m. with a community potluck supper (those attending please bring a salad, hot dish or dessert to share).

This chemical-free evening will also feature a dragon parade around the Town Common at 6 p.m., a Dr. Mason House candlelight open house also at 6 p.m. as well as bonfire and marshmallow roasting beginning at 7 p.m., sing along at 10:30 p.m. at the Dr. Moses Mason House and finally with a literal ringing in of the New Year at the town clock on Main Street with a variety of hand, sleigh, and ship bell at the stroke of midnight.

Performances of State Street Traditional Jazz Band will be-



**MORE ON THE WAY FOR THE NEW YEAR?**—The Moses Mason House on Broad Street in Bethel is shown here during a recent snowstorm. The weather report for New Year's Day and the weekend calls for a substantial storm. The Moses Mason House will be one of the venues for the annual New Year's Bethel celebration tonight (Thursday). For details, see Bethel Regional History Center column this page, or the Community Calendar on Page 12. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

gin at 7 p.m. and include an interactive family performance for children. Also there will be performance by the Western Maine Senior Players beginning at 8 p.m. Both of these events will be held at the Congregational Church on Church Street.

Advance tickets for the performances are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children age 6 to 18 and are available at the Bethel Historical Society's O'Neil Robinson House, the Bethel Chamber of Commerce, the Bethel Citizen and Maine Line Products in Locke Mills. At the door on Dec. 31, tickets will be \$10 for adults, \$8 for children and five and under free. For more information, please call the society at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

New sponsors this week are Rosemary Bunn of Bethel and River View Resort, also of Bethel. Many thanks go to these two sponsors as well as those who have already made contributions.

To become a sponsor, please send all contributions, which are tax deductible as allowable by law, to the society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217.

The names of all sponsors will be prominently listed at the venues unless one wishes to remain anonymous. For more information: 824-2908, (800) 824-2910 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society, with over 1,100 members, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive historical agency. The society fosters a sense of place — with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region — by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars. Through its exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the society makes the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable. In 1974, the society acquired the former Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which now contains a period house museum, exhibit hall and research library. In 1999, the so-

cety opened the O'Neil Robinson House (next door at 10 Broad Street) to the public for an expanded exhibit program, museum shop space, and administrative offices. During the past forty years, the society's achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

## From Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

The Mahoosuc Arts Council and Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce forged an historic agreement recently to swap two of their respective signature summer events: The Bethel Art Fair and Mollyock-

ett Day.

The Mahoosuc Arts Council will manage and coordinate the July 3, 2010 Bethel Art Fair, which includes fine arts and artisan exhibits, local food vendors and performances, and the Bethel Area Chamber will be administering all aspects of Mollyockett Day, July 17, which includes the annual road race, parade, arts and crafts exhibits, frog jumping contest and much more.

It is a move that made sense to the board of directors on both sides of the equation. The Council, being a nonprofit arts organization with a mission to support the advancement of the arts and humanities seemed to be the logical organizer of the arts event, while the vital business and community-focused mission

of the Chamber matches perfectly with the Mollyockett Day community celebration.

Both organizations pledge to maintain many of the traditional elements of each event which the public has come to expect, while infusing new energy and new ideas to help each event reach its potential. For example, the Council is currently working with the Bethel Performing Arts Project on a Maine Art Commission grant to bring the innovative theatrical experience "Porch Plays" to the 21st annual Art Fair as featured performance art. In the meantime, the Chamber is considering expanding the decades-old festival — named for an Abenaki Indian woman — from one to two days of events.

"The Bethel Area Chamber

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The Citizen is seeking photos for our monthly Community Snapshots Page. We plan to include as many as space permits, so please send your favorite shots along. The best way is by e-mail, to news@bethelcitizen.com (please put "Community snaps" in the subject line). You may also send prints to The Bethel Citizen, P.O. Box 109, Bethel, 04217, or bring them to our office at 19 Main Street (behind the Bethel Town Office). Please include a brief description of the activities/persons pictured, as well as your name and telephone number in case of questions.

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is excited to pass the torch of the Bethel Art Fair to the Mahoosuc Arts Council and look forward to exploring how we can expand Mollyockett Day to include more events — with the goal of making Bethel even more of a destination that weekend," reflects Robin Zinchuk, the chamber's executive director.

"The Council looks forward to carrying on the traditions of the Art Fair while infusing it with some new ideas. We look forward to using our resources and strengths to make the fair a continued success as we strive to maintain the hard work and integrity that the Chamber upheld for the last 20 years," said Arts Council Chairperson Tera Ingraham.

Among the various threads that will enable the two organizations to work together throughout the festival season, the Council's annual ARTironack Auction will continue to be held during Mollyockett Day.

FMI: Bethel Art Fair including (exhibitor registration and performance opportunities) contact the Mahoosuc Arts Council at MahoosucArts.org or 824-3575. FMI: Mollyockett Day, contact the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. BethelMaine.com or 824-2282.

From

### Mahoosuc Arts Council

A fusion of dance will explode on the stage of the Bingham Auditorium, at Gould Academy on Jan. 7, 2010 at 7 p.m. when the Mahoosuc Arts Council welcomes the Fusionworks Dance Company for the second concert in the Gould Performing Arts Series.

Fusionworks Dance Company is known for its gutsy, striking and provocative interpretation of work from an impressive lineup of contemporary choreographers, including award-winning choreographer and Artistic Director Deb Meunier.

The dancers of the six-member troupe each bring intelligence, humor and collaboration to their performances, which range in mood, influence and energy as well as dance techniques. As the name implies, this group infuses a variety of dance elements from classical ballet to modern dance which easily enables both the uninitiated to modern dance to the "dance aficionado" to deeply appreciate the talent and vision of this unique group.

A nonprofit organization

that has a 20-year history as the only repertory dance company in Rhode Island, Fusionworks has been critically acclaimed by major media in New England as "magnificent, beautiful and demanding, and presenting concerts that stretch the imagination and soothe the soul."

Commissioned by dance companies throughout the Northeast United States, Meunier is known for her spirit of collaboration that has resulted in innovative work with painters, musicians, sculptors, filmmakers and other choreographers. The dancers include Amy Bardenhagen, Amanda Del Prete, Shaun Edson, Sheramy Keegan-Turcotte, Stephanie Stanford Shaw and Karen Swiatocha.

The Mahoosuc Arts Council is a nonprofit organization.

that has been committed to supporting the advancement of the arts and humanities in the adult communities and school systems of the Greater Bethel Area. The Gould Performing Arts Series will also feature the traditional Andean and music of the Americas of Viva Quetzal, April 8, 2010. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. FMI: 824-3575 or www.mahoosucarts.org.

From

### Western Mountains Senior College

Several members of WMSC's fall class of Explorations in Spirituality met at the home

of Walter and Beth Brough on Dec. 21 to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Following a potluck supper, the group gathered in the backyard around a bonfire made and supervised by Walter Brough complete with "sparklers."

The group observed the Solstice with selected readings. Members who attended included Judy Huber, Judy Whitman, Mary-Ellen Gartner, Sara Wright, Jackie Cressy, Rosabelle Tift and

Beth Brough.

The Explorations in Spirituality class is open to anyone who wishes to explore their spiritual journey in a non-judgmental, open and caring group.

The winter course begins on Friday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Gideon Hastings House and will be held every other Friday through March 5. FMI call Jackie Cressy at 824-0508.

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## Sports

### High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Dirigo 83, Telstar 36; Dec. 21—Telstar scorers: Dan Vaughn 8; Elek Pew 7; Ben Field 7. Rebounds: Field 7.

Boothbay 66, Telstar 53; Dec. 18—Telstar scorers: Dan Vaughn 31; T.J. O'Connor 10. Rebounds: Vaughn 9.

Jay 36, Telstar 34; Dec. 16—Telstar scorers: Dan Vaughn 14. Rebounds: Corey Howard 7.

Traip 85, Gould 31; Dec. 16—Traip used a deep team to wear down the Huskies, using an effective full court press to cause many turnovers. Taylor Peck-Moad led Gould with 17 points, 14 of which were scored before the half to keep Gould in the game. — from Gould sports reports

### High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Dirigo 87, Telstar 23; Dec. 21—Lucas Bellanceau 6, Ridge Latham 5, Michael Delduca 4; Nick Mills 4.

Boothbay 64, Telstar 32; Dec. 18—Telstar scorers: Michael Delduca 6; Ridge Latham 6; Nick Mills 5; Chance Bellanceau 4.

Jay 42, Telstar 28; Dec. 16—Telstar scorers: Lucas Bellanceau 8; Devin Vail 6, Emma Davis 5, Ridge Latham 3.

### High School Cross-country Skiing

Nordic Skiing at Pinelands, Dec. 16:—The Gould Nordic team won both the men's and women's relay race at Pinelands. Gould's first women's team of Samantha Southam, Molly Siegel, and Alice Hottop outdueled Cape for the first place honors. Gould's second women's team of Abbey Goldberg, Meg Runyon, and Marguerite Wiser also did very well and was right in the thick of things. On the men's side, Gould's first team of Jeb Clarke, Andrew Nesbitt, and Peter Cowan also skied away from Cape Elizabeth to win the race comfortably. The second team of Kyle Curry, Ben Martin, and Nolan Dumont also did very well. — from Gould sports reports

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The Bethel Planning Board has scheduled the following Site Walks and Public Hearings in the months of January and February:

#### Site Walks:

- Jan. 7, 2010 - Farwell Mt. Estates Subdivision at 3:00 PM
- Jan. 14, 2010 - Mountain Valley Estates Subdivision at 3:00 PM
- Jan. 21, 2010 - Nurdy Hill Subdivision at 3:00 PM

#### Public Hearings:

- Jan. 27, 2010 - Mountain Valley Estates at 6:30 PM and Farwell Mt. Estates at 6:45 PM
- Feb. 10, 2010 - Nurdy Hill Subdivision at 6:45 PM

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The Public Facilities Grant funds will help build the year round educational building planned for 2010 construction. The Public Service Grant will provide scholarships for local youths to attend summer camp as well as other town sponsored events and activities. Please call 665-2668 (Town Office) or 665-2068 (4-H Camp) if you have any questions.



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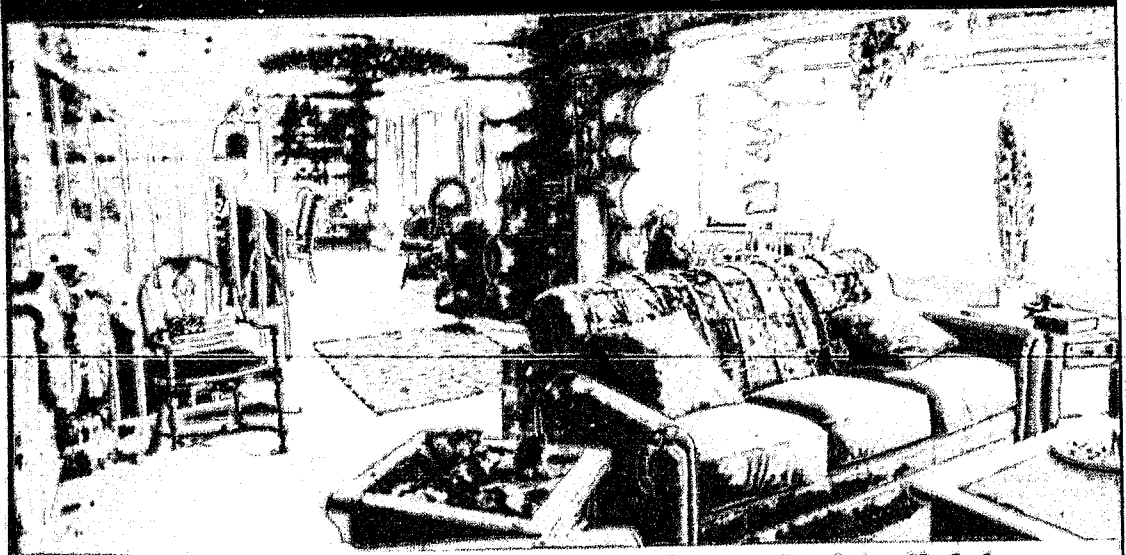
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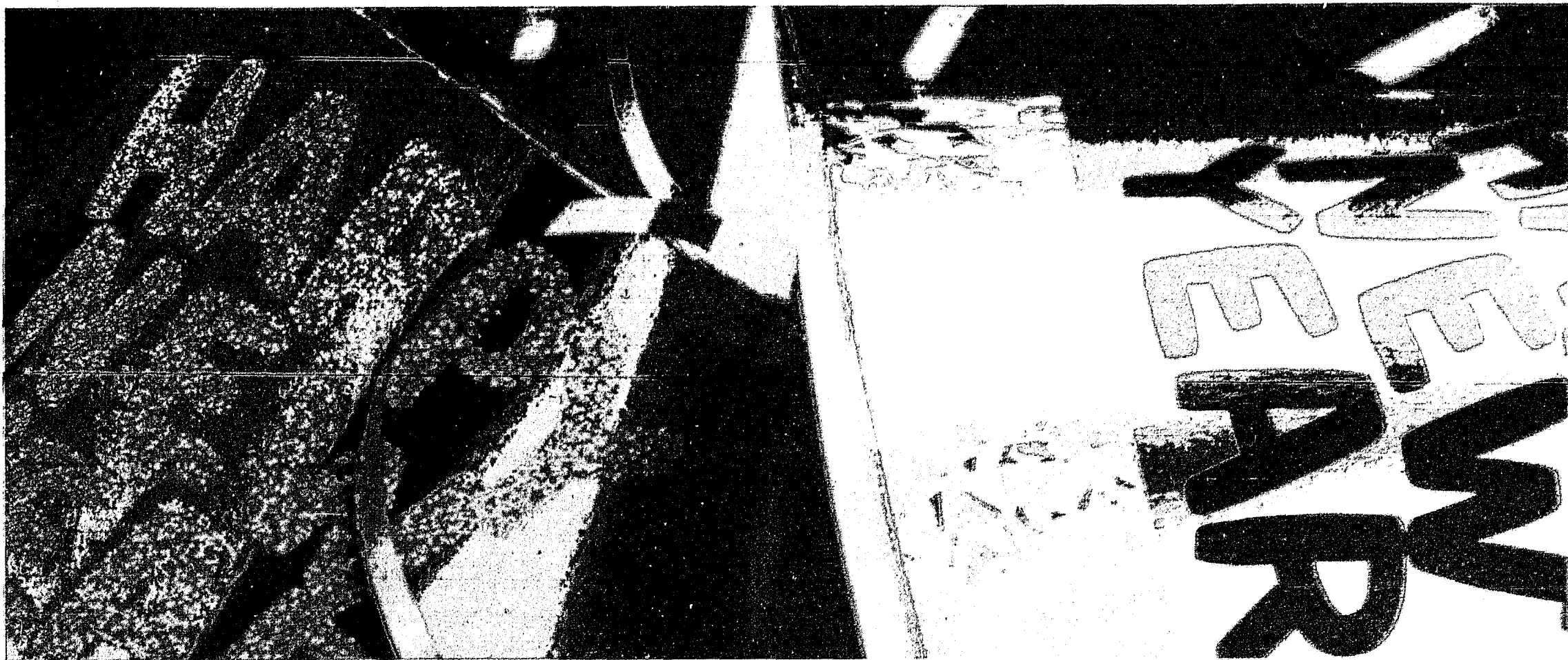
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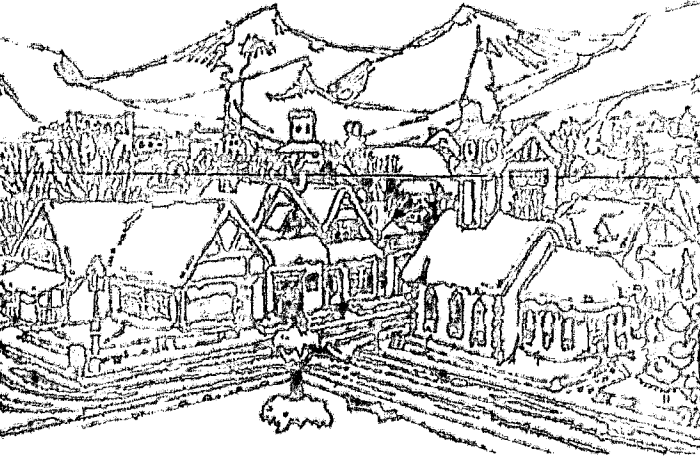
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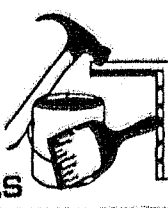
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# Events Calendar

**9:15 a.m. (Fridays)** - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

**6:30 p.m. Mondays** - Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

**Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m.** - Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) group meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons). All welcome. FMI call 743-0583.

**Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m.** The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

**First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m.** - Veterans' Advocate will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

**Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m.** - People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

**Wednesday nights** - TOPS, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

**Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m.** - Tai Chi at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsy Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsy at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

**Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.** - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p\_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

**Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m.** - Cancer Wellness Support Group support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

**Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.** - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

**7 p.m.** - Bethel Snow Twisters, 208 Walkers Mills Road, meetings First Sunday, thru April.

**Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.** - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

**Thru Jan. 2010** - At Norway Library: Local scenes: paintings and prints by Cynthia Burmeister. FMI: 743-5309 or visit www.Norway.lib.me.us.

**U.S. Census Bureau testing for spring work (\$14.50/hr., 55 cents/mile: 10:30 a.m. Mondays Crescent Park School and 2 p.m. Dixfield Library; Tuesdays 2 p.m. Upton Town Office (appointment only) and 2 p.m. Andover Town Hall; 10 a.m. Wednesday Roxbury Town Hall and 1 p.m. Rumford Town Hall upstairs auditorium. 6 p.m. in Mexico tba. FMI: 1 (866)-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov for exact dates.**

**Harvest Gold Gallery**, Route 5, Center Lovell, now showing Tree of Life collection by Harvest Gold artist Lynda Rasco-Rudd Earrings - pendants, rings, charms, bracelets. FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com.

## Thru December 31

**In memory of Walter Clark (12/23/21-10/28/09)** a showing of his lifetime artworks will be at Elements Art Gallery, Philbrook Barn, 162 Main Street, Bethel. FMI: contact Sara Haemon at 357-0189.

## Thursday, Dec. 31

**12th annual New Year's Bethel** (chemical free) sponsored by Bethel Historical Society with potluck supper (5 p.m.), Dragon Parade around Bethel Common (6 p.m.), Mason House candlelight open house (6 p.m.), bonfire and marshmallow roasting on common (begins 7 p.m.), at West Parish Congregational Church: (7 p.m.) State Street Traditional Jazz Band, and Western Mountain Senior Players (8 p.m.), community sing-along (10:30 p.m. Mason House), midnight bell ringing

at Town Clock on lower Main Street (bring a bell). Advance tickets: \$8 adults and \$6 children age 6 to 18 available at O'Neil Robinson House, Chamber of Commerce, Maine Line Products, Locke Mills; at door: \$10/\$8. FMI: call 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or visit www.bethelhistorical.org.

**New Year's Party** with dance music by Jones Dance Band at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Reservations: call Betty DeCoteau (743-7965). Cost: \$12.50 singles and \$25 couples.

**7:30 and 10:30 p.m. - Dickie Hyper-Hynnie's Rocking' New Year's Eve Show** at OddFellow Theater, 17 Turner Street, Buckfield. Tickets: \$15 all seats. FMI and advance tickets call 336-3306.

## Friday, Jan. 1

**11 a.m. - 26th Annual Carter's Last Stand, New Year Back Country Guided Ski Tour** at Carter's XC Ski Center, Bethel. BBQ lunch follows.

## Saturday, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**7 to 10 p.m. - Jones Band** playing old-fashioned dance music at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5. Lunch counter open.

## Saturday, Jan. 2

**Skating Lessons** 8-week United Figure Skating program starts at Long Lake Skating School, Bridgton Ice Arena. All skaters welcome, toddler to adult. FMI: call Laurie 655-2774.

**7 p.m. - Dave Garrity**, illusionist, presented by Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Grand Summit Resort Hotel Grand Ballroom at Sunday River.

## Sundays, Jan. 3 and 31, March 28

**Community Free Ski Days** for SAD4 residents at Sunday River Ski Resort, plus free skiing and riding, free rentals, free First Experience Learn to Ski and Ride clinics available for ages 15 and up (pre-registration required), 50 percent discount at food and beverage outlets. Proof of residency needed by driver's license, tax bill or document showing address.

## Monday, Jan. 4

**6:30 to 8:30 - Socrates Café** meeting at Waterford Library with Theme "Preparing for 21st Century Jobs: How Do We Go About It?" Jim Kearney facilitator. FMI: call 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

## Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 4 and 5

**6:30 to 9:30 p.m. - Auditions for "Crazy For You"** at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Auditorium. Call backs Thursday, Jan. 7, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Updates available on Facebook under group OHSCBS. Sing a song from show and learn part of a dance number or bring music or prepared accompaniment for musical audition or your own prepared dance piece. FMI: e-mail kjordan@sad17.k12.me.us.

## Mondays, Jan. 4, 11, 25

**10 a.m. - Essentials of College Planning**, free workshops hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center: South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street Monday Jan. 4 and 25 and Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street, Monday, Jan. 11. FMI or to register call (800) 28103703 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu.

## Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 6 and 7

**6 p.m. - Auditions for "A Little Food," "Some Ducks," and "Bench by a Lake,"** three act plays for 5 men and 2 women, ages 50-plus for Feb. 26, 27, 28 and March 5, 6, and 7 shows at Schoolhouse Arts Center, Route 114, Sebago Lake Village. FMI: call Jerry Walker (642-5188) e-mail walker8066@roadrunner.com.

## Thursday, Jan. 7

**8:30 a.m. - Andro River Watershed Council** annual confer-

ence at Bethel Inn Resort's Conference Center. FMI and registration form: visit www.androscogginwatershed.org.

**9 to 11 a.m. - Flu Clinic** at Andover Town Hall. Seasonal and H1N1 vaccinations available. FMI: call Karen at 392-4031.

## Thursday, Jan 7 and Friday, Jan 8

**Fusionworks Dance** presented by Mahoosuc Arts Council on Thursday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium and on Friday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. at Telstar Regional Middle and High schools and area home-schooled students. Tickets: \$10 adults and \$6 seniors and children. FMI: call 824-3575 or visit www.mahoosucarts.org.

## Friday, Jan. 8

**7 p.m. - Heather Masse Band CD Release Show** ("Bird Song") at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: \$17 adults and \$12 students. FMI: 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org.

## Saturday, Jan. 9

**1 p.m. - Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD** at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: \$25 adults and \$17 students. FMI: 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org.

## Tuesday, Jan. 12

**2 to 4 p.m. - Oxford County USDA Local Working Group** meeting hosted by Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District at Oxford County University of Maine Cooperative Extension building, 9 Olsen Street, South Paris (Route 26 just past Jewell's Tire). Open to public. FMI: call Jane Heikkinen (743-5789 ext 101).

## Mondays, Jan. 11 thru Feb. 15

**10:15 to 11:15 - Tai Chi and Qigong to Improve Your Health** six-week classes at Norway Memorial Library sponsored by Stephens Memorial Hospital's Maine Health Learning Resource Center. Cost: \$55 per person. Instructor: Betsy Foster. Registration preferred. FMI or to register: 1-866-609-5183.

## Wednesday, Jan. 13

**11 a.m. - Bethel Senior Citizens Club** dinner/meeting at Bethel Inn. Peter Mills will be the speaker. Dinner \$12 members and \$14 nonmembers. Reservations required: call either Nancy (824-3350 or Arlene (824-2877) before Jan. 11.

## Thursday, Jan. 14

**2 p.m. - Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, will have as guest speaker Wayne Howe, a Bryant Pond resident, who will show slides of rail cars, rail seeders and putt cars. Open to public and light refreshments.

## Saturday, Jan. 16

**1 p.m. - Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD** at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: \$25 adults and \$17 students. FMI: 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org.

## Saturdays, Jan. 16, Feb. 20

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Heartsaver CPR and First Aid** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, 701 Main Street, Oxford. Attend only one for certificate (daycare providers, foster parents, Maine Guides, forestry and non-healthcare related positions). FMI: call Patty at 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

## Saturday, Jan. 16, and Tuesday, Feb. 23

**6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Healthcare Provider Re-certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, 7701 Main Street, Oxford. FMI: call Patty 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

# Library Church Services

## Hours

**Andover Library:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

**Bethel Library:** Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. Tel: 824-2520.

**Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill:** Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2580

**Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond:** Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

**West Paris Library, West Paris:** Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

**Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover:** Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

**Upton Library:** Tuesday 1-4 (Storyhour 1-2); Saturday 9-Noon.

## Items for the Community Calendar

may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, E-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT NOON

## ALBANY

**Congregational Church** - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

## ANDOVER

**First Congregational Church** - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

**Calvary Bible Church** - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

## BETHEL

**Bethel Alliance Church** - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

**Church of the Nazarene** - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info., 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

**Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows** - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 6 pm. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

**Episcopal House Church** - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

**West Parish Congregational** - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.. FMI call 824-0550.

**United Methodist** - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday

School, 9:30 a.m.

**West Bethel Union** - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

**Pleasant Valley Bible** - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

**Church of Christ** - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

**Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship:** Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

## EAST STONEHAM

**Oxford County United Parish Churches** in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

## GORHAM, NH

**Assembly of God** - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

**Gorham Congregational Church** - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

## LOCKE MILLS

**Locke Mills Union** - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9

a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

## MEXICO

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** - 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

## NEWRY

**Sunday River Christian Ministry** - with Rev. Don Coverdale. Special annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service (Dec. 24) by the upstairs fireplace in Barker Mtn. Lodge, 7:30 pm. Regular services start the following Sunday (Dec. 27) upstairs at White Cap, 10-11 a.m. For more information: 824-5896 (recording).

## NORWAY/PARIS

**First Church of Christ, Scientist** - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

**Trinity Lutheran Church** - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

**North Paris Federation** - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singerspation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

**Oxford Hills Friends** (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

**Christ Episcopal Church** - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more info.

**First Baptist Church of Paris** - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

**St. Catherine's** - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway** - 11am worship. (Sept - June). Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

## OXFORD

**St. Mary's** - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.

**Our Lady of Ransom:** Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

## RUMFORD

**St. Barnabus Episcopal Church** - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

**Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John** - 125 Main Ave. The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 4 pm; Sunday Mass, 9:30 am; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

## RUMFORD CENTER

**Praise Assembly of God** - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemb-blyofgod.net.

## RUMFORD POINT

**Rumford Point Church** - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

## SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

## WEST PARIS

**Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris** - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

**West Paris Baptist** - Sunday Worship 9:15 am., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

**West Paris Congregational Church** - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

## WOODSTOCK

**Bryant Pond Baptist** - Pastor Larry Hodgkins. Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

**Woodstock Seventh day Adventist** - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

**Pinkhook Meeting House** (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

**Mahoosuc Mountain Friends** - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI.

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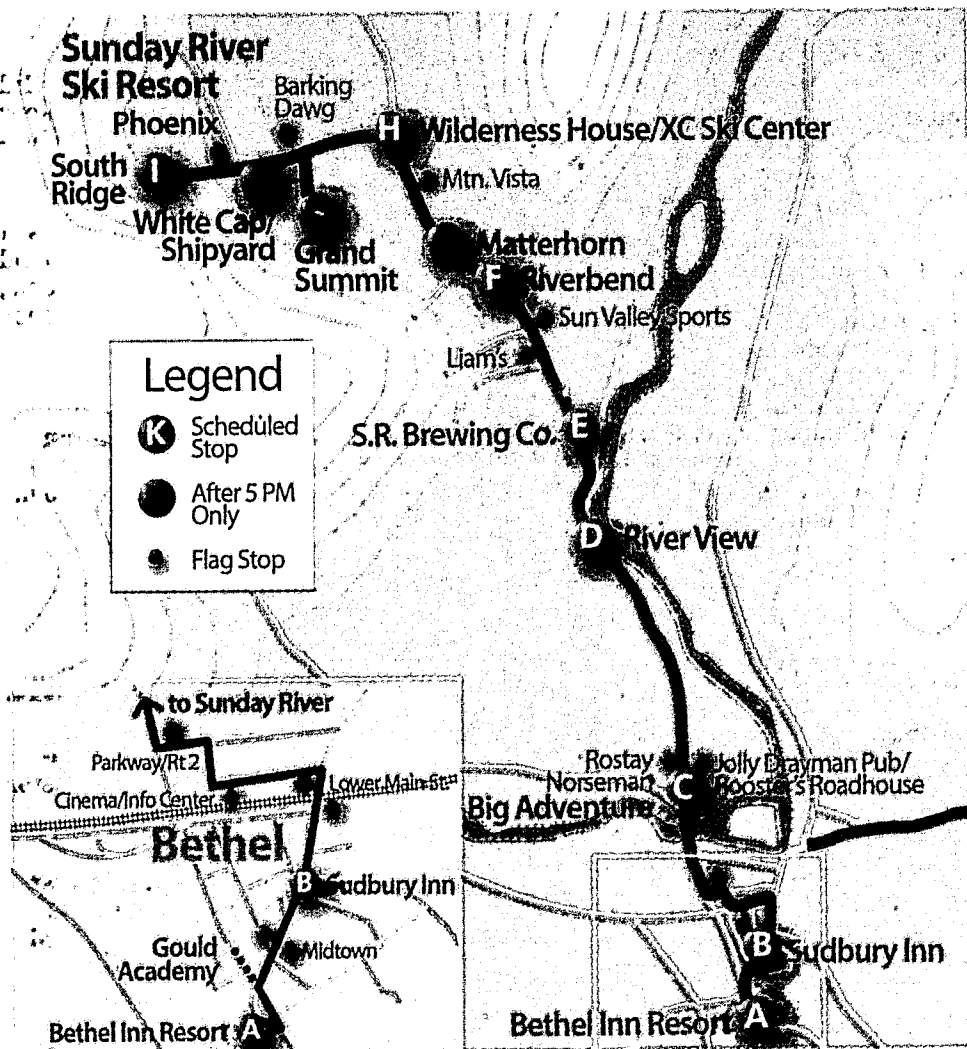
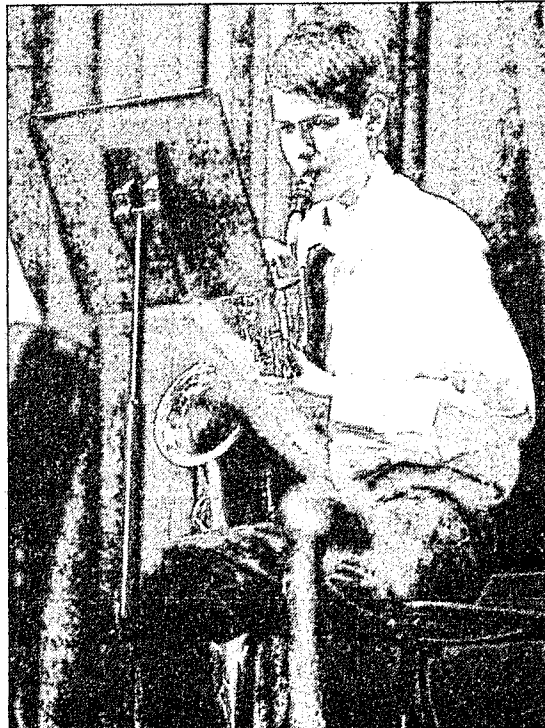


# Telstar Winter Concert



The Telstar high and middle school bands and choruses performed their Winter Concert Dec. 22. Clockwise, from left: front: Emily Bellinger, Samantha Tibbetts, Megan Bonney; middle: Alexandria Crockett, Heather Moore; back: Heather Miller and Jenna Putnam. TMS band members Lisa Gammon and Shaynah-Cherokee Seames. TMS band member James Piccirillo. Exchange student Chodchuang Nanthasen. TMS chorus members, front: Tamika Cole, Cassidy Smith, Savannah Vermette, Rachael Barton; back: Skyelynn Patten.

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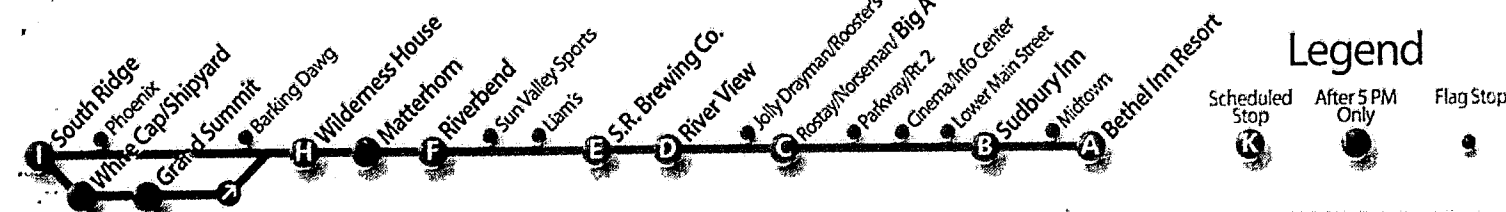


## MOUNTAIN EXPLORER

### Winter 09-10 Timetable

Bethel-Newry-Sunday River

NEW THIS YEAR:  
Bethel-Mt. Abram  
Saturday Service



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NEW Bethel to Mt. Abram Resort Saturday Shuttle												
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### SERVICE NOTES

The Mt. Abram Resort bus operates Saturdays only, December 19 through March 27.  
Buses to Sunday River operate weekends only between Thanksgiving and December 19, then daily until April 11.  
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### AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1.

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

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Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Stratford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 744-4631 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org

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### POST PARTUM

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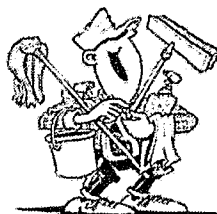
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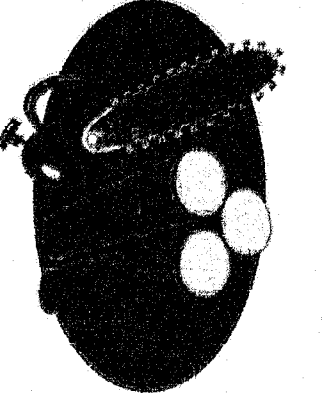
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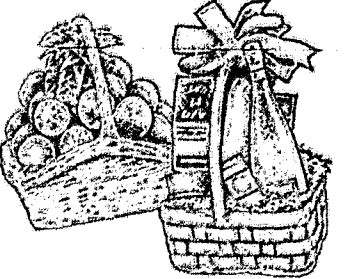
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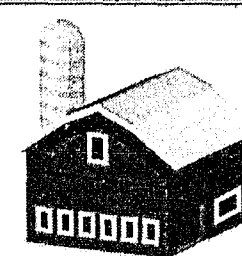


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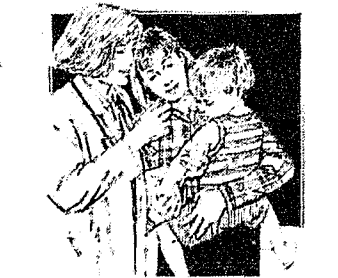
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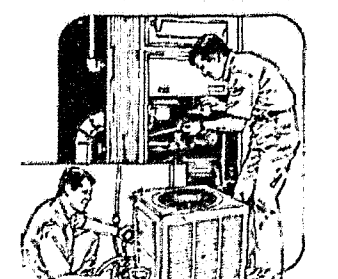
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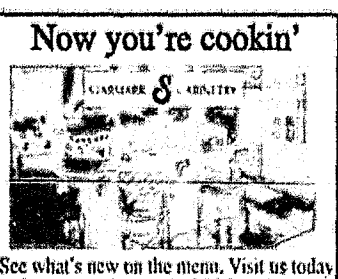
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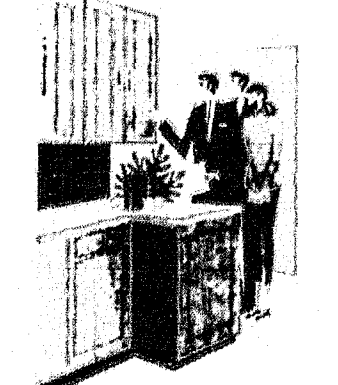


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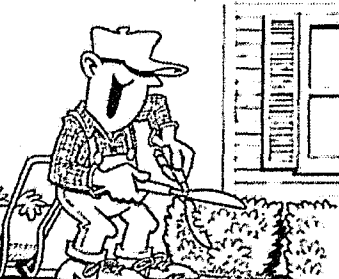
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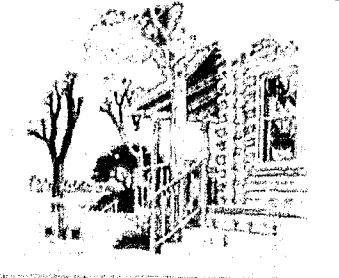
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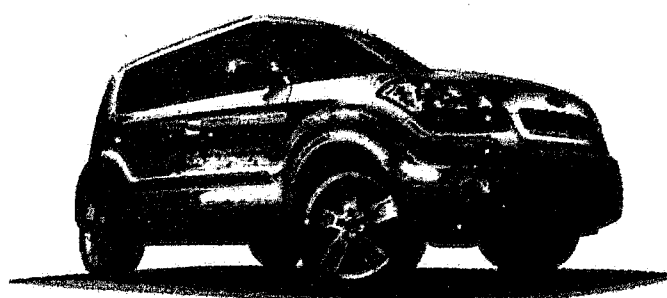
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Committee	Number of Vacancies	Length of Term (Years)
Budget Committee	1	3
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Conservation Commission	1	3
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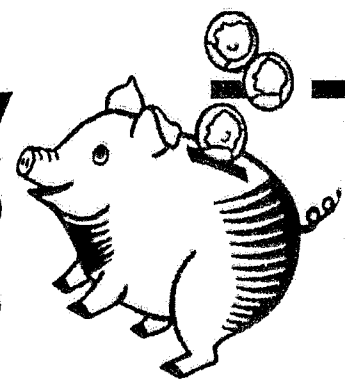
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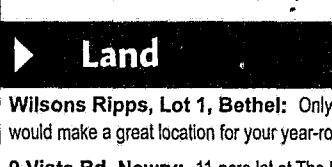
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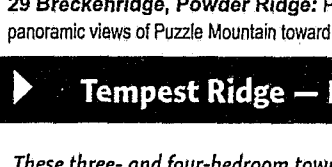
53 Sunday River Rd, Bethel:  
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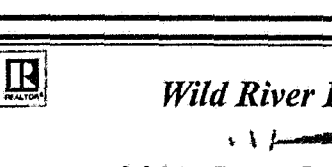
9 Flaherty Lane, Greenwood:  
An excellent value! Nicely maintained cape with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Beautiful lot with tall pine trees. Partially finished daylight basement with woodstove hookup. Located close to Bethel Village and just minutes to Sunday River and Mt. Abram. \$179,900



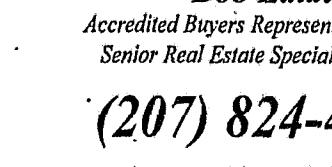
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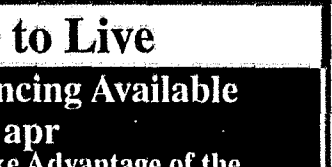
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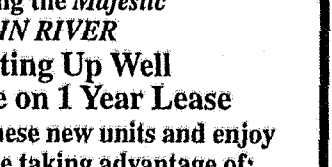
20 Fairway Drive, Mahoosuc Glen:  
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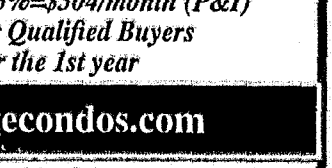
98 Paradise Road, Bethel:  
Appealing cape on a beautiful lot with views. Located in a nice neighborhood setting, this home features 4 BRs including master suite, tiled mudroom, sunny open living area and hardwood flooring. Recently constructed post & beam barn with a 2-car garage. \$266,000



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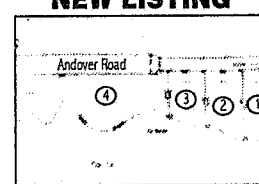









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It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year... people huggin' each other with warm, open arms... it's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!  
Jerry, those are not the right words to that song.  
Ben, who deemed you the "Ditty police?" Besides, it's all about the spirit of the song. Just like it's all about the sacred spirit of the holidays... Merriment, cheer, offerings of peace and love and good will.  
You're right, Jerry. Let's toast that the New Year brings peace of mind, good health and prosperity to our beloved countrymen and those throughout the world!  
My brother and I wish a wonderfully fun-filled and safe Holiday Season to All!  
ARF! ARF! ARF!

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 <b>Flaherty Lane, \$207,000.</b> This chalet is located in a great neighborhood of similar log homes & just 3 short miles from everything that downtown Bethel has to offer & just minutes from Sunday River Ski & Golf Resort. Gorgeous wood floors, gas fireplace, kitchen with island, open great room concept, sliders to a nice front deck, and a walkout, unfinished daylight basement. Perfect for either a recreational or residential home, and just minutes away from resort skiing and championship golf. Come and tour this home!	 <b>Countryside Lane, \$199,900.</b> Brand new, gleaming home in a small, cute subdivision of all log homes! One full acre, stone fireplace, sliders to large log-rail deck, appliances included. Nice kitchen with island and a natural pine mudroom for those skis and boots. Full daylight unfinished basement, tile/hardwood/carpet flooring, log siding, and private well and septic are some of this beautiful home's features. Not far from local restaurants and stores, and just a few short miles to Sunday River Resort!	 <b>Balsam Road, \$189,900.</b> Fantastic 3BR, 2 bath home with gleaming natural wood ceilings & interior and room for expansion in the walkout basement. Wood accents on the log railings of the wrap-around deck, hardwood floors, tiled mudroom & baths & cute country pine kitchen with island, you'll be VERY impressed as you walk through this brand-new log home. Convenient to Mt. Abram, Sunday River Resort & the area's many lakes & ponds.

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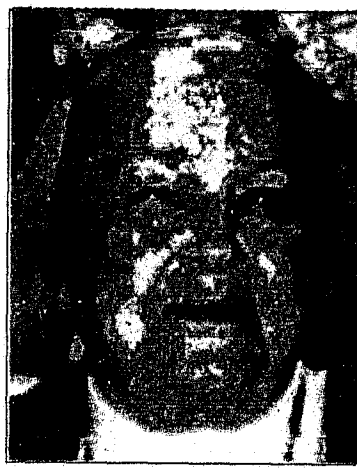


# Obituaries



**FRANK CAMPBELL**  
Frank Learned Campbell, 79, passed away at home in North Woodstock on Dec. 21, 2009.  
He was born in Andover, on Dec. 17, 1930 the son of Arlow Campbell and Addie Learned Campbell.  
Frank attended school in South Paris and then served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. After military service he worked locally in manufacturing.  
He enjoyed retirement and the Portland Sea Dogs. His favorite pastime was the Boston Red Sox, and seeing them win a World Series in his lifetime. Walking his boxer dogs, golf, family and friends was another love of his life.  
He married Christine Knights on Nov. 27, 1954, celebrating 55 years of marriage this year.  
He is survived by his wife, Christine Campbell of North Woodstock; daughters, Shari Burnham of Hanover, Terri and her husband Rick Angvine of Bethel, Bitty and her husband Stephen Ross of South Paris, Judi and her husband Deven Andrews of Greenwood; and one son, Jeffrey and his wife Deborah Campbell of South Woodstock; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held in the spring.  
Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.andrewsgreenleaf.com](http://www.andrewsgreenleaf.com).  
**C. 'CASSIE' MORGAN**  
Catherine "Cassie" E. Morgan, 86, of the Baston Road, North Yarmouth, passed away on Dec. 22, 2009 at Maine Medical Center, Portland.  
She was born in Haverhill, Mass., on Oct. 6, 1923 the daughter of Thomas and Edith (Prescott) Trainor Jr.  
Cassie married the late Stanley B. Morgan in 1945 in Bethel.  
She enjoyed reading, fishing, wonderful times camping in Reilly Plantation and spending time with her family. She was also a library trustee at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond.  
Cassie prided herself on always being a "lady."  
She was a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.  
Her great-grandchildren called her great-grandmother "up a ditty" because she could always sit on the floor and get up with grace and ease.  
Catherine is survived by her son, Thomas and his wife Jeanne of South Paris; daughter, Donna Smith and her husband Norman of North Yarmouth; grandchildren, Shanda Morgan, Thomas Morgan, Christa Ayer, S. Andrew Smith; and seven great-grandchildren.  
Cassie was predeceased by her parents; husbands, Stanley B. Morgan and Norman LaJoie; and a sister, Edith Paul.  
A graveside service will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Bryant Pond in the spring.  
In Catherine's memory donations may be made to the Whitman Memorial Library, 28 South Main Street, Bryant Pond, Maine 04219.



**IRENE M. VARHOLA**  
Irene M. Varhola, 85, of Margate, Fla., and Greenwood, Maine, went to be with the Lord on Christmas Eve 2009.  
She was born in Cleveland, Ohio on March 21, 1924 a daughter of John and Frances (Sceranka) Masarik.  
Irene was educated in Cleveland, Ohio, schools and was a graduate of John Hay High School. She married the love of her life Steve Varhola on June 26, 1942 and together they celebrated 60 years of marriage and raised five children.  
Irene was a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker. As her children started school, she held various jobs and retired from the US Postal Service in 1973.  
She was a communicant of St. Vincent Catholic Church in Margate, Fla., and Our Lady of the Snows in Bethel, Maine.  
Irene loved cooking, sewing, embroidering and feeding the squirrels and chipmunks.

Surviving are her five children, Steve Varhola of West Palm Beach, Fla., Christina Dimatteo and husband Ronald B. of Margate Fla., William Varhola and wife Maureen of Weatherford, Texas, Patricia Margadonna and husband David R. of Margate, Fla., Loretta Mikols and husband Paul J. of Greenwood, Maine; a sister, Eleanore Cimino of Port Orange, Fla.; Emil Masarik of Margate, Fla.; six grandchildren, Theresa Fulham, David A. Taylor, Jennifer Nicholas, Sandra Hirschhorn, Nicholas Varhola, and Erik Varhola; and four great-grandchildren, Randy Nicholas, Dylan Nicholas, Gage Varhola, and Erica Phin Hirschhorn. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Steve G. Varhola; and a brother, Peter Paul Masarik.  
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Bethel. In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory may be made to American Lung Association, 122 State Street, Augusta, ME 04330 or the Macular Degeneration Foundation Inc., PO Box 513131, Henderson, NV 89053.  
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WOODSTOCK RESIDENTS

Town Meeting Warrant

Any Woodstock Resident wishing to have an article placed on the 2010 Town Meeting Warrant agenda should submit it to the Selectmen on or before January 15, 2010 as set by town vote.

Snow Plowing

Please remember that according to Maine State Law Title 29 section 2396 item 4. A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses for 2010 are now available at the Woodstock Town Office.

Dogs that are six months old or older must now be licensed.

License fees are

\$ 6.00 neutered/spayed

\$11.00 not neutered/spayed

\$42.00 Kennel (10 or more)

The Woodstock Dog Control Ordinance requires a kennel for more than three dogs at one residence.

You will need to bring a current rabies immunization and a certificate of neutering or spaying, if applicable.

A late fee of \$ 15.00 will be charged on February 1, 2010.

Super Crossword

Answers

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